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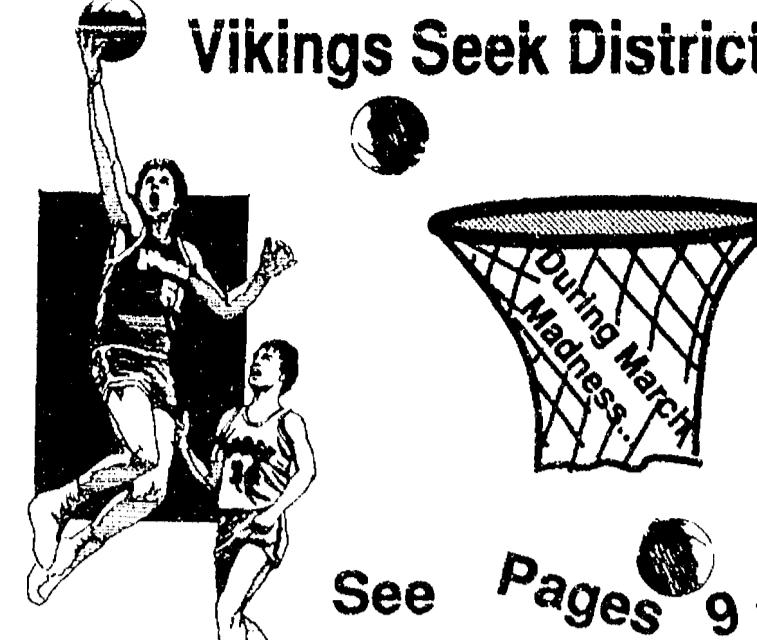
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County's Dial-A-Ride prosters despite federal cuts

Despite steadily declining federal aid over the last decade, the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has remained afloat and even grown and prospered. Dave Frederick, director of the CCTA, said, "The CCTA is coming of age because we're serving a much wider segment of the local population, we've stabilized our expenditures, and because our equipment and facilities are so much better than they used to be."

The CCTA is one of about 60 rural dial-a-ride systems statewide. Many, like the CCTA, serve an entire county. With only a phone call, riders will be picked up anywhere in the county and taken to any destination. For only a buck (handicapped, senior citizens, and children are only fifty cents), that may be the best deal around. The only requirement is that they must stay on

maintained roads. With eleven modern buses the CCTA has averaged about 100,000 passengers per year and 370,000 passenger miles.

The majority of the passengers are children going to and from school, and senior citizens, but with the average price of a car now somewhere around \$17,000, many adults are now dialing into CCTA to get to work or to go shopping. The busses run continuously from 5:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday 8:00 until 5:00, and Sunday 8:00 until 4:00. Crawford County has the only small urban dial-a-ride system in the state that operates on Sunday.

Originally the CCTA was mostly financed by the federal government, today they provide only about 10% of total operating funds. Local long-term millage and fare receipts now

provide about 50% of revenues, the remainder comes from the state.

The CCTA has an amazing safety record. In over 6,000,000 total miles driven they have never suffered from an "at fault" accident involving a personal injury. Despite their good record, the CCTA Board of Directors decided, at their own expense, to add safety restraints on every seat in every bus, and passengers must wear them.

Seat belts on busses are not a state requirement. In addition each bus is equipped with child safety seats, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, emergency

flares and reflective safety triangles. And, each bus is in constant contact with the dispatcher.

All but one of the \$60,000 buses are equipped with electric lift ramps to accommodate the handicapped and all drivers are required to take passenger assistance technique training.

Dial-a-ride drivers receive extensive on-site training through a state-owned computer training system which handles a multitude of safety and defensive driving techniques. The system builds a personal record of courses taken for each driver in

training. Training is continuous and comprehensive. Regional training coordinator, Bill Worden, uses the system in Grayling to train drivers from many requesting county. Frederick stated, "Training programs have become more standardized between counties. All the systems in the surrounding counties are doing a darn good job with safety and training."

The CCTA building, located just outside of Grayling on the North Down River Road, is a dream come true for Frederick. Large, comfortable offices accommodate receptionist, record

keeper, administration, training, and dispatcher. Garages, maintenance areas, and training room are in the rear of the building. "We used to all be cramped into one little room at the airport and the buses had to be kept clear across town," he said.

As you leave the CCTA parking area you are reminded of the great responsibility that you hold, as a safe driver, for the lives of so many others. On the back of the entrance sign that announces the "Crawford County Transit Authority," it says simply, "DRIVE DEFENSIVELY."

GHS Band earns best district scores



TOP BAND--The Grayling High School Band received the best scores of any band at the District II Festival Saturday in Traverse City. (Nancy Lemmen photo)

The Grayling High School band — under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee and assistant Mark Van Hoose — earned straight I ratings at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District II Festival, held February 27 at Traverse City Central Elementary School.

the highest possible.

"The band members performed very well and they were prepared for the day's activities," said Ormsbee. "The last band of the day is a very tough position to be in and the band came prepared to do what needed to be done."

"The parent support was just great," he continued. "The sight reading room was filled, wall to wall, and it really makes the band feel good about what they are doing. You really feel the backing of the community and the band plays all that much better."

Even the judges noticed the fan support. One wrote: "An attractive uniform, you look nice! Great to see so many parents!"

Grayling performed *Florentiner*, a march edited by Fennell; *New River Suite*, a Class A piece by Spears; and *Regenesis*, an overture by Higgins. The group also performed a new piece of music for the sight-reading judge.

Strong points, as indicated by two adjudicators, were Grayling's intonation and its musical approach to the performance.

A third judge wrote: "A fine performance with minor flaws. You are a fine band with superior training. Now continue to work hard to eliminate even minor flaws. Great to hear you today!"

Adjudicators included Dwight Smith, Litchfield; Jane Church, Okemos; James Mollema, Rockford; and Dean Christopher, Holland.

The Grayling band's I rating entitles it to perform at the state festival, to be held on April 24.

Local officials looking to reverse trend of state buying best land in county

In the second in a series of meetings to discuss the disproportionate amount of state and federal land in Crawford County, local officials were urged to pinpoint parcels of land that they believe should be given back to the private sector.

It was ever whispered in Crawford County." Borchers suggested that the group pinpoint underutilized state properties that could be beneficial to local development. "Then ask the state to come up with a land use plan for that property."

State Representative Allen Lowe, speaking on behalf of the group, stated that, "If we can't work something out with the DNR or the military, then we can propose legislation."

After lengthy discussions, it was finally decided to develop a detailed proposal of targeted properties to present to state officials. At the same time commissioner Smock and Andrew Fortin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, were going to study the problem of public land ownership as a state policy.

Attending the meeting were Pridnia, Joe Underwood, aide to State commissioners Smock and Coy, Art Senator George McManus, Andrew Thayer of the Crawford County Republican party, Bill Borchers of the county equalization department, Deb Allen of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Jeanette Kitchen, aide to State Senator John Bovin.



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Crawford
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Grayling women host World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, a day on which millions of Christian women all over the globe join in "informed prayer and prayerful action," traditionally takes place on the first Friday in March and is translated into hundreds of languages. This marks its 106th year.

In Grayling, World Day of Prayer is being sponsored by various churches within the community, and will be held at The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Friday, March 5, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will follow. Ann Doty, chairperson, has announced that seven churches will be participating in this ecumenical service.

This year's World Day of Prayer was written by women of Guatemala on the theme, "People of God: Instruments of Healing." The themes and sponsoring countries are determined at an international meeting held every four years. Slides of Guatemala will be shown and tapes of Guatemalan music will be played.

The Guatemalan women share their background and experience and tell of healing in the Mayan culture by medicinal plants, some of which are still in use today. The women describe some of the difficult social conditions of Guatemala and their desire to be instruments of healing to solve some of these problems using Biblical and present day stories of healings.

Funds collected from the World Day of Prayer in the United States will be distributed by Church Women United for its programs, including Intercontinental Grants to many regions of the world for programs benefiting women (2% goes to the county snowmobile, deep woods International Committee for World

Day of Prayer). Church Women United, since its founding in 1941, has been the official sponsor of World

Day of Prayer in this country, where approximately 5,000 communities and 178,000 people celebrate this service.

Snowmobile accident victim refuses treatment at hospital

Responding to an emergency 911 call, the Crawford County Sheriff Department snowmobile rescue sled brought a personal injury victim three miles out of the woods. The 39-year-old Bad Axe resident was transported to Mercy Hospital by North Flight ambulance where he refused treatment for his injuries.

The incident occurred on the Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail west of Grayling on Saturday, February 27. Alcohol was not a factor in the accident. Sheriff Dave Lovely stated that Sheriff Dave Lovely stated that because of the age and condition of the county snowmobile, deep woods rescues are not a sure thing in Crawford

County. He is seeking funding to replace the snowmobile through community donations.

5 local students earn academic honors at CMU

Christopher Bindschatel, a junior; Susan Mapes, a junior; Allen Morford, a freshman; David Ross, a junior, and Karen Ross, a senior, all of Grayling, were named to the honors list at Central Michigan University for the fall semester.

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wooded area where he hit and sexually assaulted her.

Kelley added: "Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss did an excellent job in securing this conviction. I will do everything I can to assist Prosecutor Huss in his efforts to protect Crawford County citizens from criminals."

Magistrate

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewaert:
Bradley M. Alexander of Muskegon, was fined \$115 for Fail To Wear Hunters Orange.

Thomas Edward Drouillard, 55, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Deprive Animals of Sustenance, and was placed on two years probation with last 30 days in jail. Jail time to be

suspended if no further problems. He was cited August 11, 1992, by the Sheriff Dept.

John Alexander Webster III, 21, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Disorderly Person, and was fined \$155 or 14 days. He was cited February 13, 1993, by the State Police Dept.

Michael Marion Sanderson, 33, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Assault & Battery, and was fined \$225 or 30 days, plus placed on one year probation with last 30 days in jail. Jail time to be suspended if no further trouble. He was cited October 6, 1990.

Patrick Michael Nicholas, 20, of Vanderbilt, plead guilty to a charge of Attempted Retail Fraud II, and was fined \$105 or 10 days. He was cited October 1, 1992.

Barrett Andrew Nevins, 27, of Clawson, was bound over to Circuit Court on Larceny Over \$100—two charges of Breaking & Entering. A \$30,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Andrew Franklin Sharpe, 23, of Luke A.F.B., Arizona, demanded a preliminary exam to a charge of Count I Carrying Concealed Weapon. A \$5,000 bond was set.

District Court

Keith Vern Clark, 45, of Farmington Hills, plead guilty to a charge of Driving While License Suspended 2nd Offense, and was fined \$305 or 30 days. He was cited January 18, 1993, by the Sheriff Dept.

Yvonne Gay Ballard, 33, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus her license was suspended 90 days. She was cited November 1, 1992, by the Sheriff Dept.

Julie Diane Tobias, 30, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus her license was suspended six months. She was cited April 5, 1992, by the Sheriff Dept.

Ronald Aharon Schneid, 37, a state inmate, plead guilty to a charge of Attempted Joyriding, and was sentenced to six months in jail with credit for three months to be served concurrent with MDOC. He was cited July 22, 1992, by the Sheriff Dept.

Thomas Edward Drouillard, 55, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Deprive Animals of Sustenance, and was placed on two years probation with last 30 days in jail. Jail time to be

46th Circuit Court

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis, February 19:

Cory Joe Moshier, age 18 of Grayling, was arraigned on the charge of Malicious Destruction of Property over \$100. Moshier stood mute, requiring the court to enter a plea of not guilty on record.

Patrick Clarence Vroman, age 20 of Lincoln Park, was arraigned on the charges of: Count I: Assault With A Dangerous Weapon; Count II: Possession of Firearm. Vroman stood mute, requiring the court to enter a plea of not guilty on record.

Glen R. Carlson, age 26 of Grayling, was scheduled to appear in court for the purpose of offering a plea. He pled guilty to Larceny Under \$100. Carlson will be scheduled for sentencing.

Randy Bindschatel, age 28 of Grayling, was sentenced on the charge of Delivery of Marijuana. He was placed on three years probation, and sentenced to four months in the county jail with credit for 124 days previously served. He was ordered to pay \$30 to the Crime Victim's Fund, \$30 a month Probation Oversight Fees, \$400 Court Costs, \$645 Attorney Fees, and

\$499.80 Restitution for extradition costs. Probation to be transferred to Tennessee.

David Volkenborn, age 46 of Roscommon, was sentenced on the charge of Welfare Fraud (Failure To Inform) \$500 or more. Volkenborn was placed on 60 months probation. A 120 day jail sentence to be withheld. He was ordered to pay \$4,800 restitution, \$400 Court Cost, \$645 Attorney Fees and \$30 to The Crime Victims Fund.

Brian Keith Behnke, age 36 of the Michigan Department of Corrections, was sentenced on Count I: Escaping from Prison. Count II: Habitual Offender — 4th Conviction was dismissed. He was ordered to spend six consecutive months in the Crawford County Jail.

Greg Arthur Messerschmidt, age 24 of Grayling, was sentenced on Probation Violation. His probation was extended to 48 months. The court ordered an alcohol assessment. He was sentenced to 120 days in the Crawford County Jail with credit for 60 days served, pending the outcome of the alcohol assessment.

Volunteers needed for local Red Cross blood drive

March winds, April showers, and May flowers bring life to spring, but they are bringing another important sign of life to our community on Wednesday March 3, 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion, Grayling.

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Courtesy of the City of Grayling

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2/24	11	4	0.01	20"
2/25	15	-14		20"
2/26	21	-25		20"
2/27	27	-24		20"
2/28	29	-15		20"
3/1	32	-14		20"
3/2	42	-6		19"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday will be partly sunny with the high in the mid to upper 30s. There is a chance of rain and snow for Thursday, with the high in the mid 30s and the low in the mid 20s. Friday calls for a chance of snow. The high will be mostly in the 30s with the low in the 20s. Saturday will be partly cloudy, with the high in the 30s and the low in the 20s.

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Pictionary Olympics to raise money for River Festival Parade

If you're tired of winter and it's too soon to expect spring, then it's time you signed up a team and got ready for the sixth annual Pictionary Olympics.

The regular emcee will be John Jones. Back for repeat performances are Judges Alton (Tom) Davis of the Circuit Court and John Hunter of Probate Court. They add their judicial expertise to all final decisions. Time keepers for the evening will be Mary Jane Knibbs and Bill Klinger. Ready

much fun it is, and it's even more exciting when you play your team against all the others in town.

If you've never participated, you're in for a night of fun. Sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association, the Pictionary Olympics is a fund raiser for the Milltown AuSable River Festival Parade. If you've played Pictionary at home you know how

to reveal the words to the audience (but keep them from the team) will be Lanice (Trixie) Rubin and Sandy Shellfish Davis. Linda Greenway will again do the sketches that adorn the walls of the K of C, and the Comfort Center will furnish the couches for the teams.

The sponsor fee for a team is \$50 — a donation to the parade. Then it's up

to you to get a team of four participants. Practice is encouraged, but not necessary. Contestants should come dressed in T-shirts or costumes representing their business or organization. Trophies and lots of local publicity will be awarded to the winners. An admission fee of \$2 will be charged for those who would like to attend and cheer their team on to victory.

A new feature this year is a special arrangement with Dial-A-Ride. For a flat \$5 fee, Dial-A-Ride will be available for round trips. They will pick you up at your home before the games and return you safely at the end of the evening. If you would like to use this service, you can call for a reservation at the Crawford County Library 348-9214 or 348-6159. You must decide by March 12.

The night for Pictionary is Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling. For more information call Mo McNamara at 348-2171 or 348-2181 or Carolyn Diponio at 348-3090. Sponsor applications can be picked up at Mac's Drugs or the Library.

If you'd like to play but don't have a sponsor, call the above phone numbers and they will help.

GHS SAGA yearbook earns top ratings from state, national competition

By Jeffery A. Taylor
GHS Publications Class

The Grayling High School Publications Class recently received two excellent ratings in the judging of the 1992 SAGA yearbook, "Lasting Impressions" — from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) at Columbia University in New York and from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

The '92 yearbook received a 1st place rating from the CSPA, scoring 916 out of a possible 1,000 points in the areas of concept, coverage, writing, design and photography.

Yearbooks need scores between 925

and 1,000 to receive the highest award, Medalist. First place goes for scores between 850 and 924; 2nd place, 700-849; 3rd place, 500-699; and 4th place, below 500.

The SAGA scored highest in the category of concept, earning 144 out of a possible 150 points (96 percent). Next highest in the scoring was coverage, with 141 out of 150 points (94 percent).

The yearbook received perfect scores in the subcategories of organization, reference aids, academics coverage, group coverage, graphics, advertising and advertising design.

From MIPA, the yearbook received an Award of Excellence, by scoring 550 out of 660 points possible (84 percent). The SAGA was 31 points away from MIPA's highest award, the Spartan, which is given to yearbooks scoring between 591 and 660.

Awards of Excellence go to yearbooks with scores between 539 and 590; Awards of Merit, 493-538; and Awards of Commendation, 459-492.

The SAGA was judged by MIPA in similar categories to those of the CSPA. Academic coverage and advertising both earned perfect scores. Other top scores came from graphics (97 percent), reader aids (89 percent), headlines/captions (88 percent) and layout/design (87 percent).

"To be perfectly honest, I expected the high scores," said Nancy Lemmen, Publication Class adviser. "The 1991 SAGA had received an Award of Merit from MIPA and last year's book was a

big improvement in terms of design. I would have been very disappointed if we had not improved our rating. The challenge now is to keep up our level of excellence and improve to the point where we can win the coveted Spartan and Medalist Awards. Several members of this year's staff are determined that the 1993 SAGA will do just that."

"As a class, we did well on photography (80 percent for student photography and 79 percent for use of photography), and with the classes the student photographers take during the summer, we should win more awards," said sophomore Bryan Bearss, photography co-editor for the '93 SAGA.

Junior Nicole Gingerich was editor of the award-winning 1992 yearbook. Staff members included Bearss, juniors Kate Callewaert, Mara Hebel, Krys

Lobsinger and Lisa Richie; seniors Laura Hamilton, Melyssa Miller, Sarah Mccek, Christa Northrop, Amy Vandcar, Kelly Walters and Nancette York; and alumni Kris Albee, Adam Anger, Lesleigh Mesack, Kathi Oberg, Jordan Stancil and Angela Thompson.

"I was very pleased with both of our '92 yearbook judgments," said Moran. "It was the first year I was on the yearbook staff. I was very happy to see that even some of my pages did well. I am sure we will get the Medalist and the Spartan next year."

Gingerich worked on the '93 yearbook as advertising editor before going to New Zealand as a foreign exchange student in January.

In addition to Bearss and Moran, Callewaert, Richie and Hamilton are also on the '93 yearbook staff. Richie is the editor-in-chief for this year's SAGA.

Area leaders consider establishing a county snowmobile association

The feasibility of establishing a Crawford County Snowmobile Association will be the topic at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce and the Grayling Area Visitor's Bureau, the association would be charged with the promotion of the multi billion dollar Michigan winter industry in the Crawford County area.

Favorable snow conditions this year brought thousands of snowmobilers to our area. Chamber director Deb Allen said, "We really haven't done much to promote snowmobiling this year. By establishing this association we will be in a much better position to plan and benefit next year."

Because of the increased numbers of snowmobilers, and the ever increasing power of their machines, there have been more injury accidents and deaths this year than ever before.

Bear's Bowmen

Tuesday League	
Eugene & Dave	71
Berry & Terry	56
Ron & Randy	56
Dave & Richard	53
Bill & Rod	46.5
Alice & Nancy	41.5
Jody & Gary	37.5
Steve & Ron	32.5
Carolyn & Jason	29
Al & Chris	16
Miguel & Danny	10
High Team Average: Berry Fenn & Terry Barr, 529. Men's High Scratch Game: David Smith, 274. Ladies High Scratch Game: Jody Jones, 268. Youth High Scratch Game: Chris Jones, 118.	

Law enforcement officers have been kept busy coping with the problems, and some cities in northern Michigan have threatened to disallow any snowmobile activities within their city limits. Allen stated that, "With the proper preparation, we can avoid some of the problems that other areas have encountered. We want everyone to be able to share in the benefits that a group of that size can bring to our area each year."

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS--The Mac's Drugs team of Mike McNamara, D. J. Brown, Cheryl Barber, and Pam Josza will be back to face all challenges at Pictionary Olympics.

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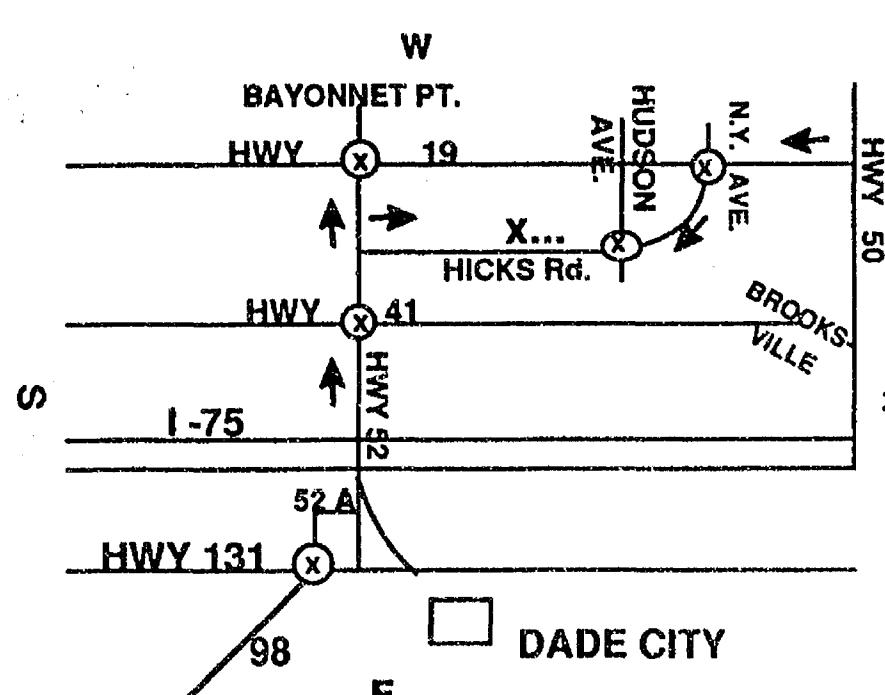


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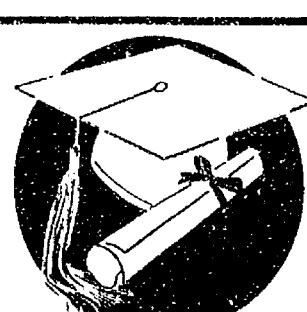
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Letters To The Editor**Where are the owners of the puppies?**

Suzi, a two-year-old lab mix was brought to us. Her hips and ribs were trying to come through her skin. She followed a master she obviously loved through the front door. In his arms was a comforter which contained eight boxer/lab puppies. They were four days old. Half of the litter should have been destroyed. We can usually adopt half a litter, if we're lucky. But I have to try to save everything. Suzi's poor condition would make that difficult and she would probably lose several of them anyways no matter what we did.

We started feeding her vitamins and high protein food. Suzi didn't gain any weight, but she didn't seem to be losing any either. She was infested with internal parasites and was wormed. The puppies did well but they were small. Suzi was a good mother and a wonderful dog. She wondered why her master had left her in this strange place. She waited for him to come and get her, but he never

came.

At six weeks of age, we still had eight puppies. They caught colds from the cement floors and were given antibiotics, but could homes be found for them? The brown ones with the black masks were the first to leave. That left six black puppies with boxer faces. Four of them were big, fat puppies and two were runts. Two fat puppies went one day, then the next-to-the-smallest. Soon there was one puppy left — the runt, a special sweet puppy.

Suzi began to gain weight now that the puppies weren't robbing her of nutrition she needed for herself. Each day we could see an improvement, but what would become of her? Two-year-old labs are pretty hard to find homes for, no matter how nice they are. One day when Rich, a trainer from Leader Dog came, I asked him to try Suzi. I had been fearful of having him try her because I knew if she could not pass the tests she was probably

facing a death sentence.

As Rich walked out the drive with Suzi on a leash, I peeked out the window, hoping she would do the simple things he asked of her. Hoping she would not be afraid of the traffic on the busy highway he led her towards. Rich and Suzi spent a lot of time on 72-E and my hopes soared. I've learned that if he takes a lot of time the dog is good. I never saw Suzi again. Rich had already placed her in the van before he reentered the shelter. The paperwork was signed and we all breathed a sigh of relief. Suzi's fate was no longer sealed. She will either go on to help a blind person and her picture will grace our wall or she will be placed in a home. Never again will she have eight puppies to rob her body of nutrients, never again will she be hungry or deserted.

Now what would happen to my little runt, the last of her litter? She lived in her own wire cage up off the cement so

her cold would not turn to pneumonia. We played with her and loved her. Everyone who came in thought she was cute, but they chose the other puppies. Finally, at nine weeks of age, a young couple came in who fell in love with her. She left for her new home.

This is not a typical story. Many Suzis pass through the shelter doors with their puppies. Many never leave. Success stories are good, they let you know there is hope, because the failures make you believe there is none.

Now we have Ebony, yet another black lab mix. She came to us starved and very pregnant. She is a four or five year old stray. A week ago she gave us 12 puppies. That was four days after her arrival at the shelter. Where is the person who has owned her for four or five years? They have not called missing her. She's a lovely dog and a good mother, but she's too old to hope to go to Leader Dog school. I have taken away seven of her puppies. Yes, she knows they're gone and has quit hunting for them now. I don't know her fate, or the fate of the puppies she has left, but I can guess. I can also hope I'm wrong.

Please spay or neuter your pets and call the animal shelter at 348-4117 if your pet should become lost.

Dixie L. Lobsinger

to seek his services. But those who think his way is the only way should be advised they are wrong.

Sandra L. Jackson

Director

Hospice offers alternative to Kevorkian

This letter is prompted by the frenzy of recent suicide deaths in which the so-called suicide doctor, Jack Kevorkian, "assisted." As I write this, Kevorkian has been involved in three such deaths in five days, and each death was accompanied by widespread coverage in all the media.

The greatest danger in this saturation of media attention is that it may give terminally ill people the impression that Kevorkian's way is the only alternative to futile, expensive and often painful medical care. That is absolutely wrong.

For terminally ill patients and their families, there is another choice, and it is called hospice care. It is a form of care for the terminally ill that enables them to live as fully and pain-free as possible before they die, allowing them to spend their last days in dignity, making peace with themselves and their loved ones.

Hospice treats all the needs of such patients through a team that includes physicians, nurses, counselors, therapists, clergy, aids, and volunteers. In most cases, the patient can be cared for in the home, with a relative or close friend serving as the "primary caregiver." Hospice also tends to the needs of the patient's family, advising them how best to handle the many practical and emotional problems involved.

Hospice is becoming increasingly known and more widely used. Last year, for example over 20 terminally ill persons received the care provided by Hospice with Loving Care which serves Crawford and Roscommon counties, and nationwide the total was well over 210,000 patients. Hospice has become so accepted that it is now covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurers.

Unlike Dr. Kevorkian, hospice operates openly. Ours is a volunteer community-based organization that opens its arms to everyone. Further information about our services can be obtained by writing or stopping by the Hospice office at 407 Lake Street, PO

Box 532, Roscommon, MI 48653, or by calling (517) 275-8967.

It is not our place or intention to pass judgement on Dr. Kevorkian or on the people whose desperation drove them

Almanack

Richard Millman

Pres. Clinton uses knife

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON made headlines recently by announcing a sweeping cut in the presidential staff. He announced that 25 percent of White House jobs, or 350 positions, would be sliced.

Good for him. It's about time. "Over the past decade, the best American businesses have had to... do more with less to better serve their customers," the President said.

"Well, the taxpayers of this country are our customers, and we intend to follow those methods of modernization."

Counted as part of the White House staff were 1,394 under President Bush; Mr. Clinton said he expects to have 1,044 jobs.

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OF COURSE NOT ALL those folks actually work in the White House, or directly on Mr. Clinton's staff.

The list includes the office of the president, executive residence, office of vice president, national security council, council of economic advisers, office of administration, and other bodies dealing with drug policy, competitiveness and the environment, science and space, and critical materials.

Mr. Clinton's bean counters figure the cuts will save about \$10 million.

In addition, he said he will cut salaries for those jobs remaining from six to ten percent. He also will cut

down on the number of autos in the motor pool, restrict chauffeur service, and tighten up on government-provided or subsidized meals for staff.

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SYMBOLISM OR SUBSTANCE? — Probably a bit of both. What's \$10 billion when the country faces trillion dollar debt problems?

But Carol Cox Wait, president of something called the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, expressed good sentiments.

"If we don't save a million dollars here and a million dollars wherever we can," Ms. Wait said, "we're never going to get to where we can save a billion."

Mr. Clinton also attacked the huge federal bureaucracy. He signed several executive orders designed to reduce through attrition the 2.1 million federal civilian work force by 100,000 jobs.

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IT SHOULD BE interesting to track Mr. Clinton's efforts over the next three years. Somehow, through some strange, unexplained phenomenon, the government payroll has a tendency to just keep growing.

Jobs cut in one area have an eerie habit of popping up somewhere else. For example, if a job is lopped in the executive office, then often another is created in some other government department to perform the same functions.

Contracting is another method

sometimes used by the bureaucracy to get around job cuts. When a position or a function is swept off the government payroll, frequently the government will enter into a contract with an outside person or firm to perform very similar functions.

It will take continuous conscientious effort by Mr. Clinton's administration to make sure that his job-cutting actions survive in reality. History shows it usually doesn't happen that way.

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NUTS AND JOLTS — Some column closing *Nuts and Bolts* from the fertile imagination of Hod Shewell:

• Pity the poor announcer who has to cover a game between Walla Walla and Paw Paw.

• To most of us, ancient history is what happened in the Middle East a couple of months ago.

• A square meal to lots of folks is a round pizza.

• Definition of a college: Concentration campus.

• When an egotist finally finds himself, he's usually not what he's looking for.

• One whack with a child psychology book in the right place, and you won't have to read it.

I also like there little store. I love to get candy in it.

Every year I always go to Hartwick Pines. That is my most favorite place in Grayling.

Jon:

My favorite place in Grayling is at Mercy Hospital. In the winter the plow all the snow in one great big hill. Then a lot of my friend go and play King on the Mountain. We sometimes have snowball fights. Or just play in the snow. And in the summer behind the Hospital is a beautiful river. We often play and fish there. My aunt brings her dogs to play with. But we mostly just fish.

Jessica:

My favorite spot in Grayling is a place called Hartwick Pines. I love that place because when I was a little girl, about 4, I used to always wanted to go there and play on the playground.

Now that I am older I like it better than what I used to. I also love the trails and the houses there. I used to go up and down the stairs on that one house. I also love that big tree in the trail. I love to get behind the fence with it. I also like that one house with all that food in it. That food makes my mouth water. The blind trail was my favorite one ever. I used to love going back and forth on it.

Kathy:

I like living in Grayling because of all the neat stores we have here. My favorite place is to go out to eat at Buccilli's Pizza. The reason why is because most of the time when we are there it is always quiet, and sometimes I bring my homework. It is so quiet I can think of what I am supposed to do. When the pizza comes I still keep doing my work. Well that is the reason

Opinions**Local people help out during time of need**

I just had to write this letter to two very special people in your community. I do not live in Grayling, but have worked here for over two years. I can't begin to tell you how many friends and caring people I have met.

Recently during the below zero temperatures (January 28) I had over ten cords of wood stolen from my home and had no way of heating my home since I only had ten pieces of wood left. One of my co-workers, Judy Sunner, placed a telephone call to Joe at Stephan Wood Products and told him of my plight. He told Judy for me to come over during my lunch hour

and he would help me out. Upon arriving there, his office staff was wonderful and Joe took me back in the lumber yard and loaded my back seat and trunk with all the wood it could hold to tide me over. No questions or any kind of payment was asked of me — just generosity from his heart. He even offered to send a truck load of wood over if I lived nearby and told me if I needed more wood over the weekend to come back.

Again thank you, Judy and Joe, you will remain special in our hearts.

Madelene Hiller

Roscommon County resident

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ered for the next issue.

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Let's Talk About It

By Joe Murphy



It seems that just about every morning when the good old boys gather for their morning coffee at Goodale's the talk soon turns to the glory days of the Grayling ski park. The toboggan runs, ice thrones and snow trains seems to be the big memory makers. The winter carnival and the Queen's Ball were the big winter events at that time. The crowning of the winter sports queen was headline news in the down state newspapers. Spike McNeven, the best P.R. man that Grayling ever had, could always get some top pro athletes here to add to the glitter of the event.

A big attraction for spectators was the dare devil stunt of riding down the toboggan run while standing on his head. If my old memory serves me right, a Mr. Deckrow (I am not sure of his first name) performed that feat to the delight of the crowd.

If you have ever stuck your hand out of a car window while traveling sixty miles an hour you can appreciate the strength it must have taken to ride that toboggan at that speed standing on your head. I have had gusts of wind, which I doubt were that high, just about blow me off my feet.

One of the things I really miss living here in town is the dramatic sun rises and sun sets we saw up at the farm. Carolyn and I used to keep the camera loaded and ready for them and have a lot of them captured on film. The sun rising over the hills to the east of the farm often light up the low hanging clouds in real dramatic style. The same thing applied to sunsets. Now, just to look at those pictures brings on an acute attack of nostalgia.

One of the most beautiful sights I ever saw, I would love to have a picture of, but in those days I didn't have a camera. Dad and I had saddled a couple of ponies and went for an early morning ride. Right where the Mount Frederic ski park was in later years on the top of the hill were six big bucks lined up. They all carried big heavy racks and skinned against a bright blue sky, with the rising sun shining on them they formed a picture that will live in my mind forever.

I wish we had owned a camera when I was a child for I have very few pictures of my Mom and Dad and our family. But those were the tough depression years and there was no extra money for such things. But what pictures I have I now treasure. One is of me as a boy of fourteen feeding my tame fawn with a bottle and nipple. Billy The Buck, as we called him, was a lot of fun, but also a lot of headaches. He was always going to the garden and eating all the best things we had growing there.

Both of us were always in hot water with Mom because of those garden raids. Billy was just about impossible to keep locked up for as my Dad said, he could pick a Yale lock. He was always in trouble with Mom about something and I got a lot of flack for not keeping him locked up.

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can reant, magzines, and old news papers. Every time I have a project I go to the library. The people there are very nice.

Jill:

I like Michigan because of its changing seasons. Each and every season brings a new surprise, from watching the snow fall to watching the flowers bloom.

In spring I get to wake up to the sound of singing sparrows and at night fall asleep to the sound of tiny raindrops falling through the trees.

In the summer I get to spend the day swimming at the beach and come home and fall asleep while there's still daylight.

In autumn I could sit for hours watching the leaves fall. It seems as if each day the leaves turn a different color. And the leaves fall all off and the animals hide and the white fluffy snow begins to fall. Pretty soon the ground is full of snow and all the children are dressed in their snow clothes playing in it and building snow people. Michigan is a very special place.

Notes From The Woods

By Nancy Lemmen

Recently, one of my students said, "Crawford County is a great place to live — if you like to hunt or fish. But I don't like to do either."

He expressed his intention to move from here as soon as he graduates from high school and to live in an urban center that would have available all the opportunities and experiences that are lacking in Crawford County.

Eight students in Dawn Feldhauser's Grayling Middle School 5th grade class obliged me and their works — exactly as they wrote them — appear below. Their essays are unrestrained advertisements for life in our county, reminding us of the variety of pleasures afforded us here.

They read, as well, as testimonials to the innocent, pure and unabashed joys of youth. So perhaps that is another lesson for us: That by retaining our ability to experience things through childlike, youthful senses, we stay open to the wonders and beauties and opportunities that surround us — no matter where we live.

Nick:

My favorite place in Grayling is

right down my road, at the AuSable River. During the summer in barefeet I walk down my road listening to the birds tweet and looking up at the clear blue sky. And when I get there I dunk my feet in the crystal clear water and look at the rainbow trout that are gleaming with colors like fire red, brilliant blue and pure silver. When it comes time to go I wonder what different wonders will be here tomorrow.

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Letters to the Editor

Reader says local officials forget who their employers are

While the United States and most of the civilized world has been in economic turmoil or a plain old depression, the laboring or middle class taxpayers have been demanding that their government and leaders cut spending. The President, congress, every state governor and legislature have been calling for cuts in spending. The message has finally started to persuade the leadership that government cannot spend its way out of debt and government cannot create one dime of wealth. Only the land and free enterprise can create real wealth, while the only wealth governments

have they have taken from the people. The same politicians, without consideration, keep promising spending cuts while in reality increase spending and taxing. The facts speak for the reality.

Even the elected and appointed employees on the local level seem to, at times, forget who is paying their wages and who their EMPLOYERS are. One prime example of this arrogant and impulsive bureaucracy in action is the ram-rodding of an addition to the county jail for the purpose of renting out jail space to other counties and make Crawford

County rich. On this point we would prefer, if you people think this is such a good idea, that you incorporate and use your own money (or borrow from the bank), they'll support any worthwhile proposal, and in turn you can keep all the profits from these rentals. Please though, build this white elephant in another county as we already have our pro-rated share of prisoners vs residents vs private land. Soon our county bird will be the jailbird and we'll be known as the Prisoner Capitol instead of the Canoeing Capital of the World.

Hey, maybe I'm all wet. Maybe

these officials know more than I'm giving them credit for — just maybe they plan to lock up all us dissidents and will need a lot of extra room. If that's the case keep it here — anyway prime river front (overlooking a golf course), is a good place to put a jail, we have so much taxable land — almost 20% of the county, wow! First though, I think someone should investigate to see if the land for this proposal is environmentally clean. I understand this site just may be contaminated.

Also, why haven't all the present jail cells that have been vacant in the past year or so been rented if there is such a demand? And how much did we profit on the ones they did rent? What happened to this money and what good came from renting these cells?

How many extra personnel will be needed to take care of these extra prisoners? How much more office space, desks, typewriters, televisions, heat, lights? Is water and sewer adequate or do we need to run new lines? Do we need more judges, secretaries, matrons, rooms and court time, not to mention more assistant prosecutors and custodians to take care of the problems these additional prisoners would bring to the county? Who is going to pay the retirement for years on all of this extra help?

Very early on we can see the taxpayers buying more county police

cars as it won't take long and we'll be travelling to the four corners of Michigan to pick up prisoners to house in our jail in order to keep it full. The "hidden" costs will be enormous and outrageous.

Maybe the county officials can even make another brilliant deal like the recent \$240,000 plus computer purchase that supposedly wasn't worth \$50,000 the day after it was purchased, according to some government officials. This is another expensive joke on the taxpayers that should be carefully explained in detail. Although this quarter million dollar joke seems like a lot, it is peanuts compared to this

jail proposal, and as everyone must realize by now, if we can't stop the spending right here in Crawford County, on the local level, especially on a boondoggle that has "NO" merit, "NO" feasibility and is of "NO" necessity to the county, then how can we ever expect the state or federal government to cut? As the song asks, which part of "NO" don't you understand?

And as Mr. M. Bohn in his previous letter asked, which commissioner is NOT in favor of a vote of the people on this jail proposal?

John L. Halley, Jr.
Grayling

Ten-year hunter would like summer hunt also for medallion

As half of the winning team of this year's medallion hunt, I would like to add my "two cents."

I believe things should've stayed the way they were the night of the final clues, with the 10 families sharing as agreed upon. I don't understand why it made such a difference if there were ten winners instead of one. The amount of Grayling dollars were the same. Instead of one person spending \$250, there would've been ten families spending \$25 each. I'd like Deb Allen to explain what her reasoning was for over-riding Mike's decision. There wasn't any additional funds going out and none of us had planned on going to the dinner.

The ten families should've been notified at the same time and at a mutual meeting place, then the radio stations should have been notified the hunt was being reinstated. I understood the stations were told to put it on the air

at noon. We received our call between five and 15 after five.

The people that felt they had to gripe about the outcome should've gone to Deb Allen at the Chamber office instead of yelling at Mike Shearer and the hunters out at the mill pond or at the people working at the door of the kick-off dinner. Why yell at innocent people. There is a time and place for such things.

There should be a clear-cut set of rules governing the hunt and they should be followed to the letter. Go back to selling the buttons.

Being told you can pick-up copies of the clues daily at the Chamber office and upon arrival, you are informed there is a charge, wasn't fair seeing we were led to believe we could just pick them up.

The chamber sponsored the hunt but I believe when Mike was put in charge of the clues and hiding the

medallion, his word should've been final. I would like to congratulate Mike on a job well done. He out did himself with the clue writing this year.

Mike, if you were to take a poll, you'd find out that no one blames you and we'd like the hunt to continue. How about a summer one during Milltown? Something as popular as this hunt and the way people look forward to it every year, shouldn't be discontinued because of a few disgruntled people.

Oh, yes, I hope all of you diggers learned something this year. Don't be so anxious and careless and the medallion won't get misplaced as it did this year. Just stop and think, you weren't very careful while digging.

Just out of curiosity, why was our interview conducted by Terry Wright missing from the article with our picture?

Where were you "hunters" when Mike was giving out the bonus clue at the high school basketball game? I only remember seeing six or seven people besides myself getting the clue from Mike.

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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Michigan

Property owners in Michigan have probably received a notice from their local assessor announcing that the assessment on their property will be increased. Some of these increases, especially on residential property will be in double digits. Many will announce increases of 30%, 40%, 50% and even higher! Why has this happened? Who is at "fault"? What can we do about it?

First of all, please don't blame your local township officials or assessors. Everything they do is required of them by state law or administrative rule. If they do not perform as required by law, they can be fined or jailed, removed from office or have their assessor certification revoked. They are literally pawns in the property tax assessment process. Assessment levels are monitored and controlled by the county board of commissioners and the State tax commission through the equalization process.

Assessments for existing property were "frozen" in 1992 at 1991 values. This was required by a law passed by the legislature in 1991 (P.A. 15, 1991). The hope was that a ballot proposal to reduce property taxes would pass in 1992. It didn't. That "freeze" period is now over so that all properties must be assessed at 50% of current market value. Most properties, especially residential, resort and waterfront have increased in value dramatically over this two-year period causing a "tax assessment shock." Michigan was one of the highest property tax states before the increase.

Property owners might properly ask, "What happened to that constitutional amendment we passed in 1978? Wasn't that amendment (known as the Headlee Amendment) supposed to hold property taxes in check with inflation?" The amendment *has* caused millage to be reduced in a limited fashion when *assessments as a total* increase more than inflation. The problem is the amendment as written and adopted does not apply to individual properties or separate *classes* of property. As a result, high value increases in residential property are offset in the formula by slower growth in commercial, agricultural and industrial properties. The result? Very little tax break even with high assessment increases!

To locate one major problem with property taxes look at your tax bill. On the average nearly 70% of the total bill is for school operational millages levies. Eighty percent or more of school operational millages are used for salaries and fringes of teachers and support personnel. Simple arithmetic reveals that over 50 cents of every property tax dollar goes for a purpose having nothing to do with property ownership. Schools are not about to give up this "golden goose" easily.

Township officials through the Michigan Townships Association have been laboring for years to reduce the reliance on the property tax for school funding. Their pleas have not been heeded. Once again township officials, through their statewide association and other groups, are bending the ear of legislators in Lansing. The goal is to have some form of property tax relief in place before the March meetings of the board of review. That's an aggressive time schedule when you consider that the legislature has not been able to provide an alternative over the course of two decades.

It is difficult to predict what kind of property tax package will be presented by the legislature to the governor. There are many proposals being offered and space permitted in this letter does not allow a description of them or a comparison between them. Every citizen should simply make a telephone call or write a letter enclosing their assessment increase notice to their legislator. Local officials have been the scapegoat for this perennial problem for too long. A three dollar phone call or a 29 cent stamp urging a simple reduction in the property tax would work wonders if it was done now. Help your township officials help you.

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Michigan's natural resources are endangered

The state of Michigan's natural resources is imperiled, according to the 1993 Environmental Quality Index published in the March/April 1993 issue of *Tribute Terra*, the environmental magazine of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

Environmental and conservation experts declare in the index that the state's environment is quickly declining. The condition of lands and forests and water quality set a record low and the air category matched its lowest ebb in 12 years.

"MUCC's EQ Index continues to be a harbinger of things to come," said Thomas L. Washington, MUCC Executive Director. "Last year, the

index warned that the state's natural resources were being set up to take a fall. Unfortunately, the index was right. Michigan's leaders are seriously neglecting the state's greatest assets. I don't know how much longer our natural resources can withstand such abuse."

The non-scientific indexes were assembled by gathering comments from environmental and resource experts across the state. Each indicated numerically how the resources fared in the past year, then explained why in a comment section of the survey.

The annual index points out that last year's index predictions of gloom came true on many fronts. Wetlands

skirmishes erupted on both the state and federal levels. The state government weakened local wetland protections and the federal government bickered over whether wetlands have value. On another front, rivers and streams, particularly near Detroit, are flushed with billions of gallons of crud because of combined sewer overflows.

Michigan's lands and forests are being consumed by unchecked development and unregulated cogeneration facilities that burn every fiber of trees and shrubs. Budget cuts have nearly stalled replanting efforts on state lands.

The year 1992 was especially trying for those fighting to protect Michigan's air quality. Legislative battles have

stalled Michigan's efforts to comply with the federal Clean Air Act.

And as if a shrinking state budget wasn't enough to worry about, the state's tourism industry was all but washed up during one of the century's coldest, wettest summers.

Energy was the only index to increase, by a point, because of an 11-hour effort from Congress to require construction equipment to be more energy efficient. State government hasn't thought about energy options long enough to commit itself to an energy policy.

MUCC, with more than 100,000 members, is Michigan's largest conservation organization.



Doronda Thompson

Thompson earns state license for property, casualty insurance

The Cornell Insurance Agency has announced that Doronda Thompson has been licensed by the State of Michigan as a property and casualty insurance agent.

Thompson has been working at the Cornell Agency for three years and is now one of five licensed agents in that office. She attended Kirtland Community College, where she completed a course of insurance principles and rating with a grade point average of 4.0.

In October of 1992, she completed

30 hours of property and casualty insurance classes that is required by the state for licensing, and on October 14, 1992, she passed her licensing exam.

Lovells Extension group to visit Traverse Resort

The Lovells Extension group met on Wednesday, February 10, and enjoyed a box lunch prepared by each member. The prize for the prettiest box was won by Del Nowaczyk.

Two representatives from the Crawford County RSVP, Bonnie Shearer and Denise Case, gave a comprehensive talk on the history and the functions of the program. Senior members are now aware of the opportunity to become involved in this worthy volunteer program.

Ms. Karen Jackson, a local attorney, brought her extensive knowledge on estate planning, and explained the living will. The pertinent questions put forth were answered to the satisfaction of the members.

The March 10 meeting is an outing to Traverse City and luncheon at the Traverse Resort Trillium. If you plan on going, please call the secretary (348-2115) or the treasurer (348-2535) by Saturday, March 6, to enable us to make reservations.

Chemical banks earn Blue Ribbon designation

Kitty T. Heller, President of VERIBANC, Inc., announces that all nine bank subsidiaries of Chemical Financial Corporation, headquartered in Midland, have been selected as Blue Ribbon Banks, VERIBANC's highest designation accorded to banks. This is the third consecutive quarter Chemical Bank North in Grayling earned the Blue Ribbon rating.

As of September 30, 1992, fewer than twenty-two percent of the country's 12,061 banks and only 67 of

Michigan's 221 banks met the Blue Ribbon standards. To receive the Blue Ribbon designation, an institution must meet VERIBANC's strict financial requirements, including stringent thresholds for asset quality, capital strength, liquidity and other key factors. For more than ten years, during which VERIBANC has performed Blue Ribbon Bank analyses, no institution meeting these criteria has ever failed.

New Kirtland Art Gallery hosts show

Michelle St. Amant (Figurative and Sculptural Ceramist) will be presented in a one woman show by Kirtland Community College at the Continuing Education Center in the newly built Kirtland Art Gallery.

The show will open Thursday, March 11, with a reception from 12-3 p.m. The show will close Friday, April 2.

Michelle is a Northeast Michigan native now residing in Alpena and a student of Joe Donna and Laura Wade at Alpena Community College.

Hospice has board vacancy

Hospice With Loving Care, serving Roscommon and Crawford counties, has a vacancy on its Board of Directors. Persons interested in the Hospice philosophy of caring for the terminally ill people and the operation of the local Hospice organization are urged to consider serving in this position.

The purpose of Hospice is to provide support and care for persons in their final phase of life so they may live as fully and comfortably as possible.

For further information, please contact the Hospice office 275-8967 or make a personal visit to the office at its new location at 407 Lake Street in Roscommon and speak to Sandra Jackson, Executive Director.

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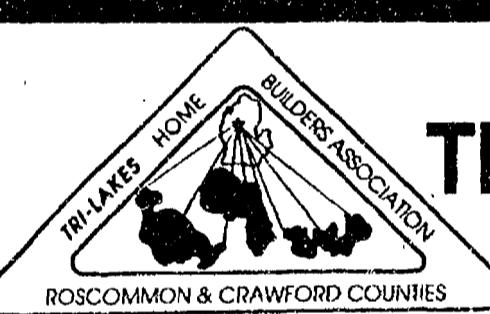
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Obituaries

Richard Lovely

Richard A. Lovely, 90, of Grayling, died Thursday, February 25, 1993, at Mercy Manor. A wake service was held Sunday evening, February 28, 1993, at Sorenson Funeral Home, led by the Reverend Michael Conner. A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, March 1, 1993, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, with Reverend Lawrence Gauthier officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Timothy Gannon, Patrick Gannon, Daniel Gannon, Michael Gannon, Dean Goss, and Don Campbell.

Mr. Lovely was born March 15, 1902, in Grayling, and lived here his entire life, except for the last five years which he spent with his daughter, Jean, in Marquette. He retired from his position as accountant with the State of Michigan Department of Military Affairs, Camp Grayling, after 36 years of employment there. Mr. Lovely was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was very active there in earlier years. He was head usher for many years, worked on parish festivals, and served on the building committee for the present St. Mary's Church and school building.

Mr. Lovely was a life member (72 years) of the Father Reiss Council 1982, Knights of Columbus, where he was the oldest living member. He was also a member of Moose Lodge 1162, Grayling, and the Grayling Sportsman's Club. Years ago, Mr. Lovely, as president of the local PTA, was instrumental in bringing the first band director (LeRoy Christian) to Grayling. He also helped raise money to buy uniforms for the band.

Mr. Lovely was preceded in death by his wife, Olive, in 1985, and by his parents, Peter and Rose (Bennette) Lovely.

Survivors include: nephew, Gary Longenecker of Boulder Creek, California; nieces, Karen Malone of San Jose, California, and Diane Larsen of Flower Mound, Texas; several cousins; and her longtime friend and companion, Stanley Matowski of Frederic.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Hospital, c/o Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Hazel Gademsey

Hazel Lucille Gademsey, 77, of Lovells and most recently of Frederic, died Wednesday, February 24, 1993, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. Funeral services were held Monday, March 1, 1993, at Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord. Interment was in Blairsville Cemetery, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Gademsey was born July 26, 1915, in the village of Grafton, Blacklick Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Before moving to Lovells, she had lived in San Jose, California, Weirton, West Virginia and Indiana County, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Weirton Chapter #147, Order of the Eastern Star in Weirton, West Virginia, and the Naomi Rebekah Lodge #42 of Colliers, West Virginia.

Mrs. Gademsey was preceded in death by her father, Samuel Lewis Longenecker, in 1953; her mother, Blanche Mabel Rhoades, in 1959; her husband, Ernest Henry Gademsey, in 1966; her sister, Ethel Mae Longenecker in 1913, and her brother, Russell Eugene Longenecker in 1968.

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Joyce Rodgers

Joyce V. Rodgers, 66, of Roscommon, died Monday, February 22, 1993, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services were held Friday, February 26, 1993, at Steuernot & McLaren Funeral Home, Roscommon, with Pastor David A. Strelak officiating. Burial was in Higgins Cemetery.

Mrs. Rodgers was born September 2, 1926, in Stockbridge. She was a homemaker, and had lived in Roscommon for 30 years, previously living in Union Pier. She was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Grayling.

Mrs. Rodgers was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde, her father, Lucine Jones, and brother, Clem Jones.

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Men's Basketball

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Spikes	6-2
Cornell/Shoppenagons	6-2
Weyerhaeuser	5-3
Holiday Inn	3-5
Dunkin Donuts	0-8
Weyerhaeuser	75; Juntila 22, Tobin 14, Doreniere 9, Larkin 8, Beckwith 6, Latuszek 4, Bindschatel, Bonamie 2, Spikes, 45; White 20, Hull 12, J. Gardiner 6, Kolka 3, T. Gardiner, Hoffman 2.

Final statistics:

Top Scorers: Trenary 21.5, Patterson 21.0,

Shelley 16.8, Hamlin 16.1, Juntila 16.0, Krey 15.2, Parkinson 13.3, Larkin 11.9, Millikin 11.8, Fonten 11.5.

Three-Point Leaders: Patterson 26, Juntila 16, Larkin 12, Fonten 10.

Foul Leaders: Hamlin 30, Hull, Juntila 28,

J. Beckwith, Shelley 25, Trenary 24, D. Beckwith, Kolka, R. Harland 23, D. Bonamie 22.

Team Air: Dunkin Donuts 75, Cornell/Shoppenagons 60, Weyerhaeuser 55, Holiday Inn, Spikes 50.

Best Free Throw % (no minimum attempts):

Fox, Leaky 100%, Hinkle 83%, Trenary 79%, McEvans 78%, Fraser, M. Harland 75%, Krey, Welcott 73%.

Best Free Throw % (minimum 10 attempts):

Trenary 79%, Krey, Welcott 73%, Juntila 71%, White 69%, Dandy 68%, Fonten, Patterson 67%, Doremire 64%, Contreas, Parkinson, 38%.

Worst Free Throw % (minimum 10 attempts):

Tobin 32%, T. Gardiner 36%, Trudegan 40%, Hull 43%, Dean 44%, Kolka 45%, R. Harland, Milliken, Polen 50%, Smith 53%.

Worst Free Throw % (no minimum attempts):

J. Lange 0%, J. Gardiner 20%, Madill, Mertes, Purnell, Ruddy 25%, Tobin 32%, Hartman, Latuszek 33%, T. Gardiner 36%, D. Bonamie 3

Ministerial Association hosting two Community Forums on Education

The AuSable Ministerial Association has announced two "Community Forums on Education" to be held March 22 at 2 p.m. and March 29 at 7 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, on M-72 West.

The forums are intended to be a revival of the old town hall meetings which were once a great democratic tradition in villages and cities throughout the country.

"Concerned with the growing challenges of education in our community, we believe the time has

come for persons of all interests and points of view to come together in an atmosphere of respect, to talk together about issues we all believe to be important about education in our community," said Dennis Paulson.

"We are convinced that out of such meetings ideas about what the community believes are important will surface, and may give the school board some ideas about how the community feels, and what needs to be done in the future, regarding our public schools."

"As clergy, we will not be bringing

a set agenda to the meetings, but rather offering an open forum for persons to come and share what is on their hearts and minds. We will be carefully listening to the discussion, and will then meet to develop a report of what we heard. The report will be shared with the school board, and the public," he said.

If you have ideas for questions for those present to discuss, please send them to Community Forum On Education, Drawer 588, Grayling, MI, 49738, by March 15, 1993.

Travel series to explore Continental Divide

On Thursday, March 18, the fifth program of the Crawford AuSable Community Education Travel and Adventure Series will feature a journey to the Continental Divide.

One thousand seven hundred serpentine, twisting miles of peaks and ridges marks *The Continental Divide* as presented by *Trails & Tales*. It takes us along the actual East/West divide as it tracks north from the New Mexico-Mexican border to the Montana-Canadian border.

Along the way we will visit prehistoric ruins, towns that date back to 1700 and narrow gage steam railroads. We will leave our foot prints in the gigantic sand dunes trapped by the Rocky Mountains. Pan for gold along streams near old mining towns like Ouray and Silverton. Watch the furry animals that live at the crest of the divide in Rocky Mountain National Park. Ride the wagons of the 1850s along the Oregon Road and walk the ruts left by their iron shod wheels. Experience tent camping in the Winter Yellowstone. Relive Custer's last stand—the battle that was the clash of two cultures. Mine for sapphires and stand in awe at the edge of one of America's largest open pit mines. Tickets for this travelogue of *The Continental Divide* are available at the Community Education office or by

ice sheets that left spires, pinnacles and knife-like ridge lines. You will find that *The Continental Divide* is a breath-taking trip through a series of splendors that have been strewn across the land like wind blown seeds. Jim Cole's vast interests in the world of photography, public speaking, history, nature, and adventure has led him to a very successful career in producing and presenting travelogue films. Following his military experience, where he learned the skills of cinematography under difficult conditions, Cole studied photography in both Chicago and Detroit. He has received advanced degrees from Ohio State University and spent 30 years as an executive in the business world. Since entering the travelogue field, his films have been received by audiences from *The National Geographic* in Washington, D.C., in the East to the *Sunday Matinee Series* in Sacramento, California, in the West; from Michigan State University in the North to Louisiana State University in the South and more than 100 other series across the United States and Canada. His wife, Reva, assists in all phases of production and presentation.

Tickets for this travelogue of *The Continental Divide* are available at the Community Education office or by calling 348-5459, days and 348-7641, evenings from 5-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. The Cultural Events Series is made possible by support from area arts patrons and the following businesses: Chemical Bank North, Fick & Sons, Inc., Grayling Holiday Inn, Grayling Hospital for Animals, Grayling Mercy Hospital, GSB, Hospitality House, Mac's Drug Store, Michigan Consolidated Gas, Scheer Motors, Inc., and Weyerhaeuser Company. The Community Education Cultural Events Program provides area residents with quality cultural experiences at affordable prices.

Wright Angies

by Terry Wright

During the recent presidential campaign, President Clinton's campaign manager kept a sign on his office wall that said, "THE ECONOMY, STUPID!" This glaring reminder that faced him day after day helped him keep his campaign focused on what the American people saw as their number one problem. Partly because of that focus he was successful in his stated goal, the election of Bill Clinton to the presidency.

I think many people could benefit from this tactic in attempting to achieve their goals. For example, most politicians could remember their true purpose if each office had a sign that said, "THE PEOPLE, STUPID!" Instead there seems to be an invisible sign on their walls inferring that, "THE PEOPLE ARE STUPID!" Business people could use one-liner signs in the workplace to improve sales, maintain safety standards and boost morale. Americans in general could benefit from a sign in a conspicuous place in their homes stating, "IT'S HAPPINESS, STUPID!" Maybe a sign like that could be a constant reminder to them of where their priorities should be.

I see no end to the wonderful benefits that could be derived from just one little sign for each of us. Maybe then we would not lose sight of our real purposes. There are a

few signs that I would like to hand out to my friends in Grayling, but none more than the one I would like to hang on the wall in the Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent's office which would read, "IT'S EDUCATION, STUPID!" I certainly don't mean this in a derogatory or personal way to Kent Reynolds, he is a fine man and a friend who I think has lost sight of his number one purpose. I hope that he can take this criticism in the context that it is offered.

I think Kent suffers from a very prevalent disease among national school, state, and local school administrators. I think he has lost sight of the fact that buildings don't educate children. Quality, caring, disciplined and motivated teachers, working in a close partnership with parents, do educate children. Of course I agree that crowded rooms are less conducive to learning, but it does not follow that to solve an overcrowding problem is to solve an education problem. Kent and the CASD Board of Education have continued to bring to the voters proposals to purchase bricks and mortar when there are students graduating from GHS who have difficulty reading, writing, and thinking on an adult level.

Education, I think, is no different than any other field of endeavor. It is the risk taker who is smart enough to be creative, that succeeds. It is the administrator who is focused on the right goals, and who is bold enough to



say, "This won't do, we must try harder and we must try something new and different." For too long school administrators have gone to the taxpayers to throw money into buildings, complaining that a quality education is unattainable without them. I don't buy it.

Keep in mind, this is only my opinion which is not regarded too highly in some circles. But, if I'm guessing right, lots of people agree with me. I want to see a tax proposal that deals only with brains, not buildings. Once I've seen progress there, then come back to me for a building.

I hereby challenge the CASD Board of Education, the superintendent of schools, and every teacher on the staff to create a system of education that works for more than just the top ten or twenty percent of the students. Public education is for everyone.

Next week I will offer another sign to a large number of parents that have school aged children, myself included, which will read, "IT'S YOUR CHILDREN, STUPID!"

Drama Dept. to present Oscar Wilde comedy

By Jeffery Taylor
GHS Publications Class

Following the success of its fall play, the Grayling High School Drama Department is busily preparing for its upcoming production, *"The Importance of Being Earnest."*

The Oscar Wilde comedy is to be presented on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at

GHS. The cast of nine actors is under the direction of Mr. David Glicker, GHS English teacher. Tickets are \$3 at the door or from Mr. Glicker or any cast member.

Besides the work the actors do on stage, many hours of work goes on behind the stage. Set design and construction, costuming, make-up and stage crew work are necessary to insure a realistic and smooth running play.

Building and painting the play's set are a group of six students from Mrs. Kym Inabinet's art and design class. They include sophomore Eric Shepherd; juniors Jamie Barnes, Andy Witt, and Mike Hartman; and seniors Stacy Straw and Amy Vandecar. Her other art classes are also participating by painting parts of the set and constructing life-like trees made of papier mache for the production.

Inabinet said she got her classes involved because, "It is a wonderful way to see how art is applied to real life." She also said that it will teach her classes such skills as interior design, and that the set must be "aesthetic, has to work and must look good."

"I think that having the art class design the set will, first, make the set look more attractive, and second, take a lot of stress off Mr. Glicker and the cast," said Shepherd, who is also a cast member.

Doing make-up for the production will be professional make-up artist Dan Chosczyk, who applied make-up for the fall play. For *"The Importance of Being Earnest,"* he will use foam rubber prosthetics to age some of the actors in order to add a more realistic look to the production.

"Adding to stage movement and voice, Mr. Chosczyk will contribute a third dimension to the play because of the depth he will add to the characters' appearance," said sophomore Mike Amman, assistant director.

The play concerns itself with the misdeeds of two young, untroubled bachelors — John Worthing

(sophomore Nat Rosi), who has invented a fictitious brother named Ernest so that he can have an excuse to leave his country abode from time to time to travel to London, and Algernon Moncrieff (sophomore Eric Shepherd), John's best friend, who is also madly in love with Algernon's cousin, Gwendolen Fairfax (senior Melyssa Miller).

During a trip to London, John, under his false name, wins Gwendolen's heart, because she strongly wishes to marry a man with the name of Ernest. When he asks her mother, the dreadful Lady Bracknell (senior Yolanda Rosi), she interrogates him to see if he is eligible to make her list of potential husbands for her daughter. John then reveals that as a baby he was found in a hand bag at Victoria Station. Lady Bracknell informs him that he will have to produce at least one parent if he wishes to marry Gwendolen.

When John arrives back at his country home, he discovers that Algernon has also arrived under the name of John's nonexistent brother to win the love of Cecily Cardew (freshman Sarah Amman), John's attractive and young ward. Cecily also wants to marry a man by the name of Ernest. When Lady Bracknell and Gwendolen arrive at the home, both John and Algernon must admit their true names, which the two young women despise.

Other cast members include sophomores Jacob Lepsy (Lane), and Jeff Taylor (Rev. Canon Chausable); and juniors Katelyn DeVries (Miss Prism) and Shawn Hubbard (Merriman).

Stage manager for the production is sophomore Amy Voight; prop master is sophomore Mandy Duvall; and costume head is freshman Erica Hinkle.



BEHIND THE SCENES--Sophomore art student Eric Shepherd constructs a tree to be used in the set of "The Importance of Being Earnest," the GHS winter play, which will be presented on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13.

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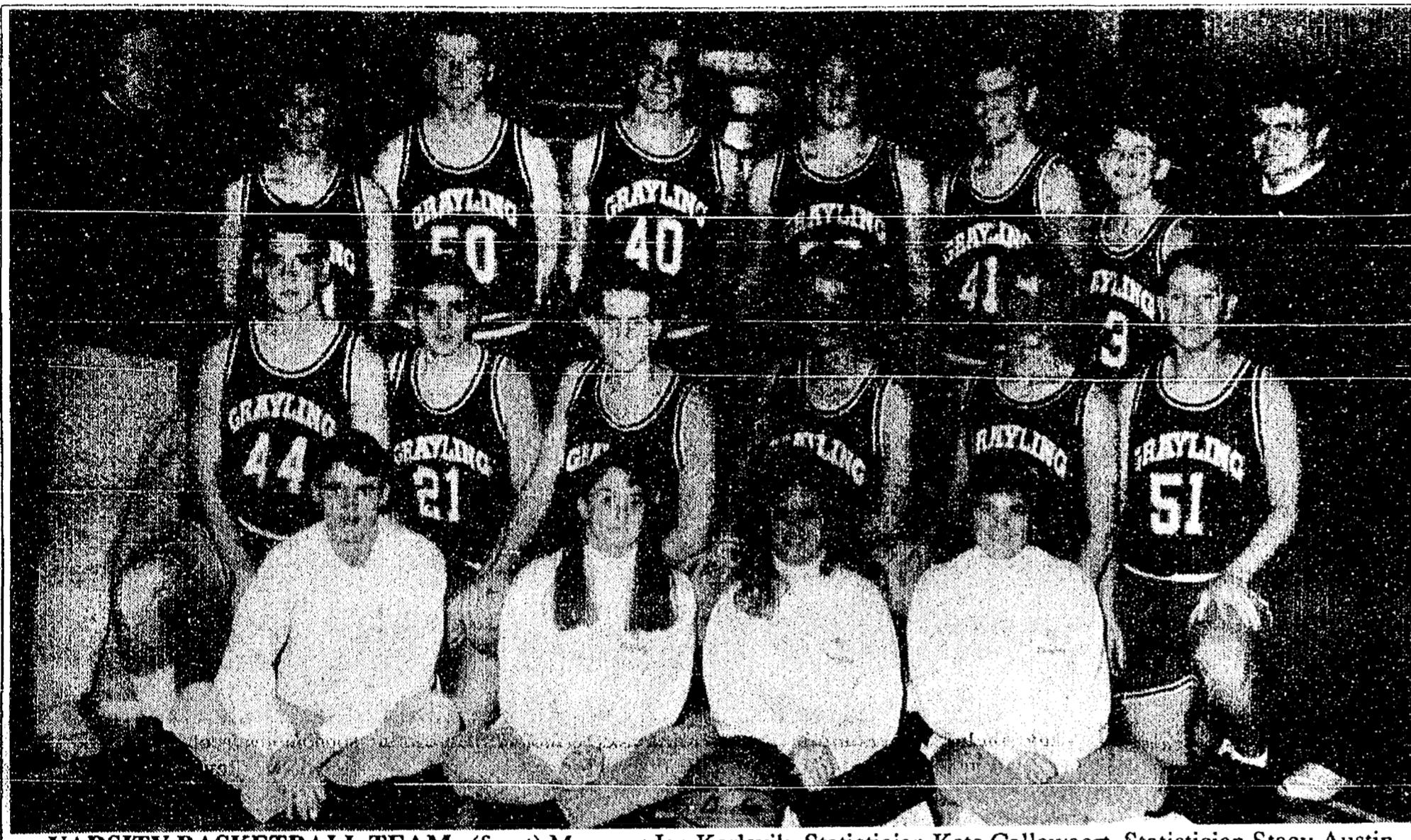
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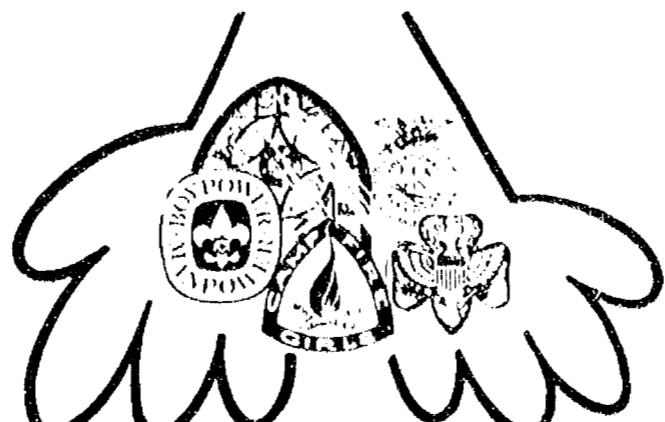
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Petoskey is biggest hurdle in front of district title



Grayling drew a first round bye for the varsity boys' basketball District tournament at Gaylord, starting on Monday.

"A bye is good, because we don't have to play three games," said Vikings' Coach Tom Mills. "Also, it gives the kids the opportunity to watch both of the other games."

Gaylord hosts Sault Ste. Marie on Monday, March 8. Petoskey takes on Cheboygan on Tuesday, March 9. Grayling plays Monday evening's winner on Wednesday, March 10. The winners of the Tuesday and Wednesday games meet in the finals on Friday, March 12. All the games will be held in the Gaylord High School gymnasium. Tip-off time every evening is 7:30 p.m.

"Since we've played both Gaylord and Petoskey — and Petoskey beat us and we beat Gaylord — I would expect Petoskey is going to be the odds-on favorite, because they have beaten every team in the tournament," said Mills. "But I believe this is a wide-open district. I don't think any team has a lock on it this year."

Senior tri-captain Mike Kirmo agreed that Petoskey is the toughest team Grayling would have to play.

"But we can beat them if we play at a steady pace, instead of up and down," added Kirmo. "Cheboygan lost to Roscommon and Gaylord beat the Soo (and Grayling swept both Roscommon and Gaylord), so our chances are good to be a top competitive team in the district."

"We are playing in Gaylord and we won our game against Gaylord there with a last-second shot," said senior

tri-captain Nick Hebekeuser. "So we have a gym on our side. And the less traveling distance goes along with that, too, because we won't have to spend that much time in the vehicle."

"We could play Petoskey, which is going to be a real 'gut check,' because we lost to them two times," said Hebekeuser. "We know we can beat them. We just have to show it. Also this year we have all the talent we

need. So we expect to do better than we have ever done for a long time."

"I think we have a great opportunity to go a long way," said senior tri-captain Eric LaForest. "We should win it. Petoskey is our only concern. They're the toughest team besides us in the district."

"It would be great if we won," he added, no doubt echoing the feelings of all his teammates, coaches and fans.

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GHS used to win district titles in batches of 3

District Tournament basketball titles used to come a lot easier for boys varsity Grayling teams. From 1965 to 1971, Grayling played in five district finals and won four of them. For Grayling coaches, district titles came in threes.

Tom St. Germain

Coach Tom St. Germain won three district titles in 1968, 1969, and 1971.

In 1968, Grayling beat Houghton Lake and Roscommon in the districts to win the trophy. St. Ignace beat GHS in the regionals. Playing on the 1968 team were Louie Nielson, Dale Papendick, Mike Smock, Butch Hayes, Gerry St. Germain, Allen Lowe, Tony Ellison, Mark Smith, Jim Kucharek, Joe Thompson, Vern Hartman, Dave Bailey, Mark Hartman, and Bob Mead.

In 1969, Grayling beat Roscommon again and Gaylord to win the districts. They beat Traverse City St. Francis in the regional opener but lost a thriller by one point to Shepherd in the regional finals. Members of the 1969 team were Smock, St. Germain, V. Hartman, Bruce Burkett, Mike Kucharek, Lowe, Papendick, B. Hayes, Wes Hayes, Tim Mead, Max Tobin, and Jim Tobin.

Bruce Smith

Coach Bruce Smith won district titles in 1965, 1957, and 1954. He also won a regional title and quarterfinal title with the well-known 1957 squad. That team beat Roscommon and Mancelona to win the districts, beat Charlevoix and Gaylord to win the regionals, and defeated Crystal Falls in double overtime to win the quarterfinals.

The 1957 team lost a heartbreaker 65-63 in overtime in the semi-finals to Lakeview, the eventual class C champions that year. The 1957 squad had Bob Strong, Dave Lowe, Oscar Horning, Don Campbell, Newt Allison, Jack Hull, Tony Doremire, Aubrey Welch, Ronnie Case, Bill Martin, Bob Houghton, Don Roberts, Roger Hatfield, and Jim Kesseler. This team advanced the farthest of any Grayling team since the state went to class A,B,C,D state tournament set-up.

The 1954 team won 17 straight in addition to winning the districts. Charlevoix was the team to knock them out of the regionals. Playing on that team were John Schofield, Tom Gibbons, Larry Pond, Dick Klein, Monte Malonen, Allan Lucksted, Richard Hamilton, Marvin Bielski, Roger Kesseler, Dave Owens, and Jerry Korhonen.

The 1965 team won the district championship and was also knocked out of regional play by Charlevoix. Team members were Walt Nielson, Ed Robertson, Terry Smith, Pat Thompson, Terry Wright, Richard Smith, LeRoy Neal, Curt Feldhauser, Bob Smock, Bill Tinker, Bob Ashman, Art Wakeley, Kyle Slusser, Pete Funk, and John Sorenson.

Willard Cornell

Grayling coach Willard "Butch" Cornell also won at least three basketball district titles in 1942, 1943, and

1944. He may have won more prior to 1942 but the high school records prior to that aren't complete. Grayling won the district titles in the years 1942-44 but that was the end of the season for Grayling. There was no more tournament play, possibly because of the war.

Players for GHS from these three years were Bob LaChappelle, Carl Small.

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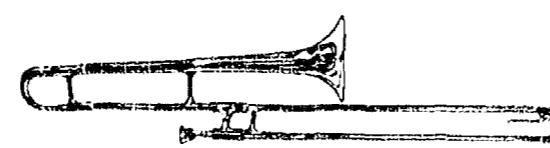
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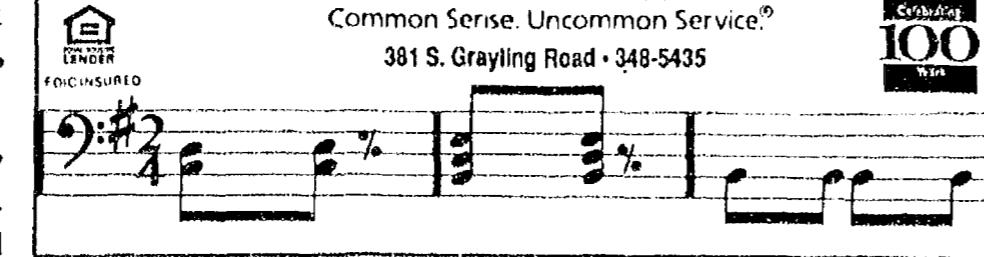


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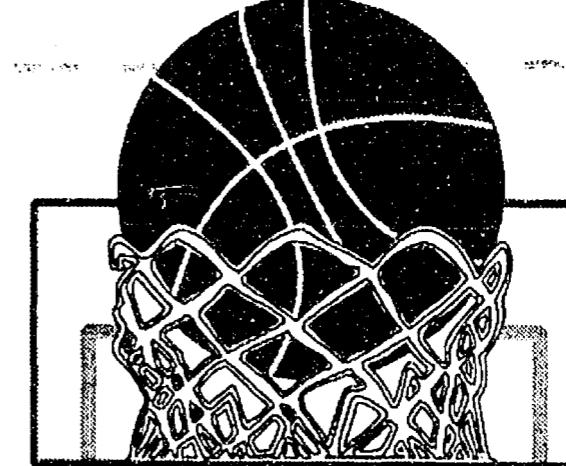
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Vikings want to end district title drought

Grayling has a good chance to break a 22-year district tournament basketball jinx this year.

The Vikings play in a district with Petoskey, Cheboygan, Sault Ste. Marie, and the host team Gaylord. Grayling has defeated Gaylord twice this year in games decided by one basket. Petoskey beat the Vikings twice, but in the last encounter at Petoskey, the Vikings had a 12-point lead in the third quarter. Petoskey has defeated Cheboygan by more than 20 points and Gaylord has beaten the Soo.

Petoskey will be the favorite team in the districts with Grayling bringing in the second best record. If Grayling wins the district championship, it will be the first boys' basketball district trophy in 22 years. Not since 1971 has Grayling won a district title.

In March of 1971, the Grayling Vikings, coached by Tom St. Germain, shut out Roscommon in the first district game with a score of 78-49. High scorers included Jim Tobin with 24, Terry Fitzpatrick with 16, Kim Parkinson with 15, and Wayne Westervelt with 10.

The second district game against Whittemore-Prescott resulted in an 86-73 victory with Tobin once again the high scorer with 34, Parkinson with 23, Dan McIsaac with 14, and Fitzpatrick with 11. This win set up the Vikings with a rematch of the 1970 district finals with Alcona. However, this year Grayling prevailed and won the district title with a 64-55 win. High scorers against Alcona were Fitzpatrick with 22, Tobin with 17 (the first half), and McIsaac with 12.

As stated in the March 11, 1971, is-

sue of the Avalanche, "Alcona shut out Jim Tobin, the Vikings top scorer, who has averaged 30 points plus, per game this season, without a score in the first half, but, they forgot the other four players on the court."

The 1970-71 Grayling Vikings varsity basketball team included: Wayne Westervelt, Dan McIsaac, Jim Tobin, Kim Parkinson, Larry Nielson, Bill Millikin, Bill Weideman, Bob Miller, Terry Fitzpatrick, Steve Ellis, Joe Elenbaas, Chris Dunckley, and Mike McNamara.

The 1970-71 team got edged out in the regionals by Coleman 70-69. Here's how the other Grayling teams have fared in districts since then.

1972

In the class B district opener, Grayling defeated Rogers City 72-68 with Tobin scoring 40 points. Cheboygan knocked out Grayling in the district finals 66-59. Tobin scored 19, Wayne Westervelt 14, and Terry Fitzpatrick 12.

1973

The Vikings beat Boyne City 62-56 in the Class C opener. Fitzpatrick scored 20, Westervelt 15, and Dan McIsaac 14. Rogers City beat Grayling in the finals 64-54 with Westervelt scoring 15 and John Tobin 11. Coach Tom St. Germain retired after this season.

1974

The Vikings, coached by Al Vissia, opened with a win over Whittemore-Prescott 66-40 in class C. Dan McClain led GHS with 16 points and Doug Hinkle scored 12. Houghton Lake nipped Grayling 54-53 next with Westervelt scoring 23 and Bert Kaiser 13.

1975

Benzie Central knocked Grayling out of the class C district with a 94-61 win. John Tobin scored 24 and Jon Thompson 15.

1976

Roscommon defeated Grayling, coached by Fred Wolcott, in the class C district 63-61. Craig Hinkle led

Grayling with 16 points.

1977

Traverse City St. Francis eliminated Grayling from the class C district with a 55-46 win. Dave White led Grayling with 16 points.

1978

Roscommon beat Grayling in district C play 75-44. Jeff Parkinson led the team with 11.

1979

Petoskey defeated Grayling 79-46 in district B action. Geoff Stancil scored 18 to lead the team.

1980

The Vikings, coached by Butch Hayes, beat Whittemore-Prescott 71-63. Bill Roach scored 19, John Juntila 18, and Rocky Tobin 13. Juntila had 18 rebounds. Against Tawas the Vikings lost 74-70. Tobin scored 26 points to lead Grayling.

1981

The Vikings opened with an 86-58 win over Whittemore-Prescott. Roach scored 22 and Eric Batway 12. Grayling then beat Tawas 85-58. Roach scored 26 and Brad Trenary 20. Roscommon knocked out Grayling 64-54 in the district finals. Roach scored 20 and Batway 12.

1982

Whittemore-Prescott nipped Grayling 52-50 in the opening game. Trenary scored 23 and Ted Methner 10.

1983

Grayling beat Whittemore-Prescott 55-54 in the opener. Ross scored 15, Jim Stewart 12, and Ryan Morford 10. Ross had 10 rebounds. Houghton Lake then defeated Grayling 72-67. Ross scored 16, Morford 12.

1984

Houghton Lake beat GHS in the opener 67-58. Rod Patterson scored 22, Paul Hamlin 10, and Ross 10.

1985

Grayling beat Whittemore-Prescott 71-60 in the opener. Patterson scored 21, Gregg Burns 17, Brad Naughtin 10, and Jon Nicholas 10. Roscommon then beat Grayling 54-45. Patterson scored 18 and Nicholas 10.

1986

The Vikings lost to Houghton Lake 53-50 in the first game. Todd Klinger scored 10 to lead Grayling.

1987

Grayling, coached by Tom Mills, got knocked out by Roscommon 63-45 in the first game. No Vikings

scored in double figures. John Kinnee and David Somerville were high scorers for GHS and Kinnee grabbed 12 rebounds.

1988

Grayling lost to Sault Ste. Marie in the class B district opener 85-60. Jeff Palmer scored 19, Kinnee 19, and Todd Hull 11. Palmer had 17 rebounds, Kinnee 16, and Hull 10.

1989

Roscommon edged Grayling 56-54 in overtime. Jim Abney scored 19, Chris Skidmore 13, and Kraig Hudson 12. Abney had 14 rebounds.

1990

Houghton Lake beat Grayling 49-38. Shane Fraser scored 11. Kirk Annis and Abney had 14 rebounds each.

1991

Reed City defeated Grayling 79-62. Eric LaForest led the team with 17 points. Matt Branch and Shane Fraser added 11 each.

1992

Manistee ran over Grayling 71-47. Eric LaForest again led the team in scoring with 21 points. Nick Hebekeuser scored 9, Mike Kirmo and Mark Andrus had 8 points each.

Vikings won state title in 1917

Grayling High School's only state championship in boys basketball came in 1917 and it was a season to remember.

Coached by LeRoy Ball, the "Green Wave" went 11-0 in the regular season whipping teams from schools much larger than Grayling.

During that school year, the GHS team travelled to Ypsilanti for the state tournament for all high schools with enrollment less than 200 students. (There was no class A, B, C, or D divisions then.)

Grayling played four games in two days. They ran over Perry 30-16 and held off Newago 11-6 in a defensive struggle the first day. The next day they beat Lawton 24-12 and met Chelsea in the finals. Chelsea had defeated Grayling's rival, Gaylord, earlier in the tournament, but Gaylord's players were at the finals rooting for their northern neighbors. The Vikings outmatched Chelsea and won 42-9 for

the first and only boys state basketball championship for GHS.

The next week Grayling went to Ann Arbor to compete with 38 other high schools in the state tournament open to schools of all sizes.

Grayling drew host Ann Arbor in the first game and beat them 20-16. Then Grayling took on Pontiac and beat them 18-16. Finally, Detroit Northwestern broke Grayling's win streak, beating GHS 30-13. The Detroit team went on to win the state tournament for high schools of all sizes. Grayling was impressed that the Detroit team used five starters and seven substitutes in the game against them. Grayling had only seven players on its team.

Grayling starters were Arthur Kar-

pus, Grant Thompson, Carl Dorah, Carleton Meilstrup, and Frank Shanahan. Roy Case and Gordon Chamberlain were the substitutes.



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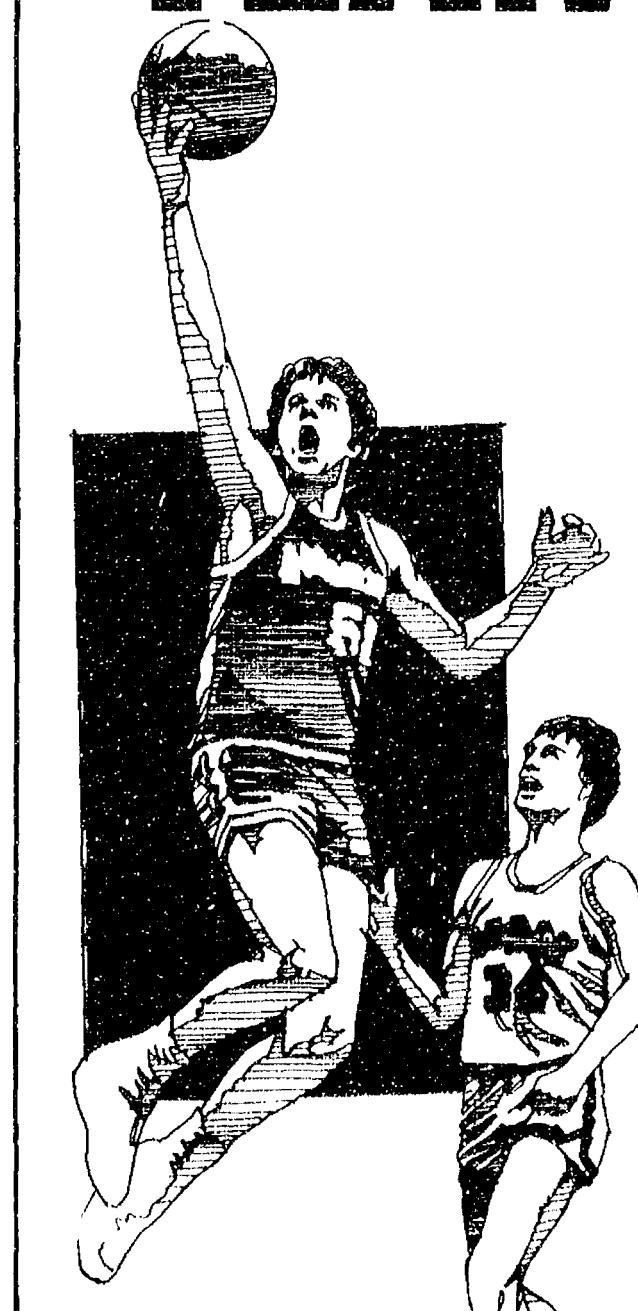
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Vikings win share of conference title with 85-50 rout

By Nancy Lemmen

After a dismal first half, the Grayling High School boys' varsity basketball team — spurred on by a spectacular dunk by senior Matt Cragg — picked up its pace in the second half to soundly defeat Whittemore-Prescott, 85-50, last Friday at home.

That victory guarantees the Vikings 1st place in the Lake Huron Division

of the Great Northern League, even if they wind up having to share it with Lincoln-Alcona.

"I think we had a very lackluster performance in the first half," said Coach Tom Mills. "We played very tentatively on offense and turned the ball over too many times. We went into the half with only a three-point lead. But the kids responded really

well in the second half and we outscored them, 53-21."

"One of the real keys for us was — after we came out in the second half and opened up an eight-point lead — Matt Cragg got his first dunk of the year," said Mills. "Not only did that fire up our team, but it caused Whittemore to be a little rattled. From then on, there was no turning back. We just rolled over them."

The fact that it was Parents' Night

and also that the game meant the conference championship made the Vikings so tight in the first half, added Mills.

"Things didn't fall for us in the beginning," he said. "A shot would go in and come out; a pass would be a little slow. But, we played a very good second half."

The Vikings' foul shooting — which Mills said has been a key all year — was nearly stellar on Friday, when

they shot 16 for 18 for 89 percent.

"That's really good," admitted Mills.

Senior Eric LaForest led the scoring with 28 points. Senior Mike Kirmo added 13. Both senior Matt Cragg, who started the game, and sophomore Shane Hinkle, who came off the bench, scored 12. Junior Kris Andersen kicked in another 11.

Kirmo made ten assists, his high for the season.

With their big win over the Cardinals, the Vikings are guaranteed a share in the division championship.

Alcona, tied with Grayling for one loss, has to play Whittemore this week. If Alcona wins, the two teams share the championship. If Alcona loses, the Vikings hold 1st place alone.

ROGERS CITY WIN

The road to the division championship was aided by the

Vikings' 79-62 road victory over Rogers City on February 23.

"We opened up a 24-point lead at the half and were playing fairly well," said Mills. "In the second half, probably because of our lead, we lost a little bit of our intensity and they cut it to 13 points at one time."

High scorers for Grayling were Andersen and LaForest with 17 apiece; Kirmo, 13; and senior Nick Hebekeuser, 12.

Kirmo had nine assists.

"It was one of those games when you travel a long way and you are concerned about how you are going to play," said Mills. "The kids played hard in the first half to make sure we won. It is a long way to travel on a Tuesday night, but we are glad we came back with a victory."

JV spikers win match at Lincoln-Alcona 2-1

The Grayling High School junior varsity volleyball team won an away match against Lincoln-Alcona, 2-1 (4-15, 15-9, 15-13), on February 24.

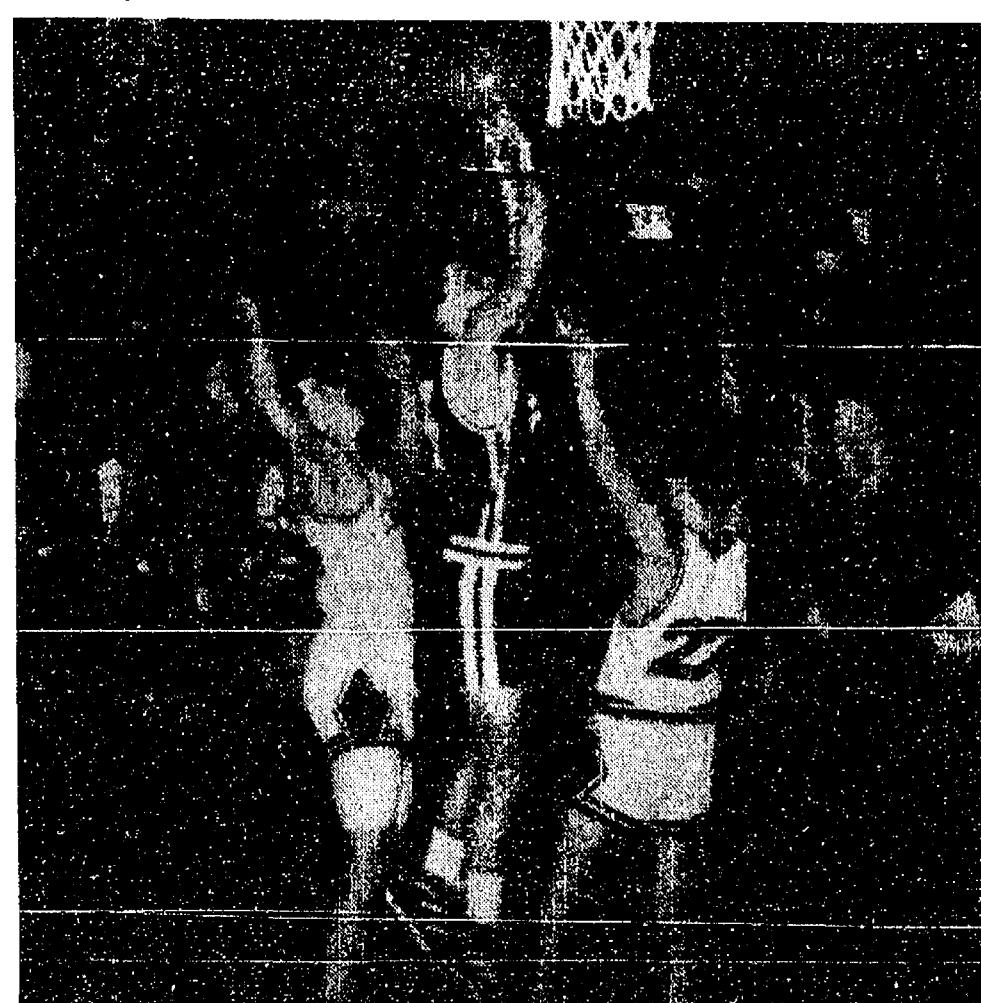
"We started out slow against Alcona," said Coach Michelle Moore. "We were never in the first game. The second game, we were communicating and picking everything up. The third game we started out great — even leading 11-1 — but then we allowed Alcona to make a comeback and end up being closer than they should have."

Sophomore Lynne Rochette led the team in passes with 31. Sophomore Carol Lanczy followed with 22; sophomore Nici Wilcox, 17; and sophomore Samara Sabin, 15.

Lanczy had nine tips and sophomore Danyell Galvani, seven.

Wilcox led in serves with 15. Freshman Jenny Richardson added 13; freshman Trisha Ormsbee, nine; and Rochette, eight.

Lanczy made 11 sets and Galvani, March 3, at 6 p.m.



I'VE GOT IT--Senior Eric LaForest outjumps teammate junior Tim Donahoe and Whittemore-Prescott defenders to tip in an errant shot last Friday in a victory clinching a share of the conference title. (Nancy Lemmen photos)

8th graders lose final game

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade boys' basketball team fell to Johannesburg-Lewiston, 47-30, in the first game of a four-team middle school tournament at Gaylord on February 16.

"We combined players from both the A and B squads for this tournament," said Coach John Junttila. "Coach Simons and I run different offenses and the kids had trouble working together. We had four practices prior to this game, but the team did not look like a unit on the floor; and that is my fault for trying to put too much in with too little time."

"We had 14 players get into the game and 11 of them scored, which I believe shows we have many capable players at this level," said Junttila. "However, we were only 12 of 47 from the floor and that was a result of poor shot selection. Also, we were outshot from the floor, 68-47, largely because we didn't box out and allowed too many second shots on the defensive end."

Aaron Perrin, Pat Lamie, David Sabin and Steve Dutton each scored four points for the Vikings. Seth Madsen made three; Ben Haskel, Shane Youngblood, Miguel Perez, Tim Anderson and Andy Gilman, two points each; and Brad Larm, one.

"Brad Larm had a good game defensively, with several steals," said Junttila. "Pat Lamie did a nice job underneath and Seth Madsen, David Sabin, Tim Anderson and Brian Jackson played well off the bench."

"Our biggest weakness again was turnovers. Part of that was the players' uncertainty of where each other would be and part was just not having enough patience."

BOYNE CITY GAME

The team played much better two nights later on February 18, but still lost to Boyne City, 47-39.

"We played a 1-3-1 half court defense which they only practiced on one day, and they did a super job," said Junttila. "We jumped out to an 8-2 first quarter lead. Unfortunately, we had some trouble with their full court zone press, and committed too many turnovers in the second quarter."

"Shane Youngblood had an outstanding game all-around and led the scoring with 16 points," said the coach. "Eddie Bayham played good defense and scored six points. Tim Anderson and Steve Dutton both had four points and Aaron Perrin, Brad Larm, Pat Lamie and Miguel Perez, two points each. Ben Haskel chipped in with a free throw."

"The team played very aggressive half court defense, forcing turnovers and poor shots, and worked hard on the boards," he continued. "Offensively, they went strong to the basket when they broke the press and moved well without the ball."

Dunkley, Croze and Northrop all had four rebounds.

GAME AGAINST ROGERS CITY

The Grayling High School junior varsity boys' basketball team dropped a pair of games recently, falling to Lincoln-Alcona and to Rogers City.

It was the Alcona Tigers all the way in the JV squad's away game on February 19. The score was 15-10 after one quarter, 35-27 at halftime, 53-32 after three periods and 69-44 at the final buzzer.

"We did not play very well on the D end," said Coach Warren (Butch) Hayes. "Alcona was very good at attacking the middle. We also did not board very well."

Sophomore Ben Croze was the only Viking in double figures with 20 points. Freshman Corey Northrop added eight; sophomore Brian Dunkley, seven; sophomore Nick Stancil, three; sophomore Chris Jones, and freshman Jason Thompson, two each; and freshman Chris Kucharek and sophomore Charlie Kucharek, one apiece.

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INDIVIDUAL STATS

The scenario was similar in the JV team's contest against Rogers City on February 23, with the home squad Hurons leading the entire way. The score was 15-12 after the first period; 39-23 at the half; 50-38 after three and 61-49 at the game's end.

"We played pretty well for the first quarter and a half," said Hayes. "Then Rogers City put on a quick spurt to take a big lead. At one point in the second half, we cut it to seven, but could not get any closer."

The Vikings shot well from the free throw line, making 19 for 26 for 73 percent.

"We were happy with that part, but we need to get more balanced scoring," said Hayes.

Croze again led the team in scoring and also was the sole Viking in double figures with 23 points. Chris Kucharek added eight; Jones, five; Charlie Kucharek and Thompson, four; Stancil, three; and Northrop, two.

In the rebounding column, Croze had 11 and Northrop, five.

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SLIPPING THROUGH--Sophomore Chris Jones slips between two Whittemore-Prescott defenders to score last Friday in a loss at home.

Mack qualifies for state; 20th year in row for GHS

By Nancy Lemmen
Grayling High School wrestler Sam Mack (145 pounds) placed 2nd at the individual regional tournament in Alma in February 27, to qualify for the state finals tournament.

Mack, a senior, won his first match against Jess Olnstead of Belding, whom he pinned in 3:12. In the semi-final round, he defeated Mark Kruger of Alma, 7-3. Then, wrestling for the championship, he was pinned by David

Wright of Cedar Springs in 5:49. Wright placed 2nd in state last year, said Coach Don Ferguson.

"For the last 20 years — as long as we have had wrestling — we have always had a state qualifier, and Sam made it this time," said Ferguson.

In fact, Mack has qualified for the state finals all four years of his high school career.

Sixteen wrestlers from every weight class will battle for the top spots at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center on

Friday and Saturday, March 12-13. Junior Brent Kernstock (171 pounds) also competed in the regional tournament but did not qualify for the state finals. He lost in the first round to Randy Ames of Fremont, 8-7 — in the last two seconds of the match, said Ferguson. Then he lost to Don Conners of Oscoda, 9-7.

"He had some real tough matches and lost close ones," said the coach. "He's a junior, so he'll be back next year to go to state."

GHS volleyballers to go after 2nd place in conference

By Nancy Lemmen

The Grayling High School girls' varsity volleyball team won an important match against division opponent Lincoln-Alcona, 3-0 (15-0, 15-2, 15-2) last Wednesday.

"This was a great win for us," said Coach Rebecca Brown. "We needed to beat Alcona to set up a major confrontation with Whittemore-

Prescott. We play the Cardinals on Wednesday. If we win, we'll have 2nd place (in the division). If we lose, we'll have 3rd place."

"We had excellent practices last week and the kids were ready from the first serve on," said Brown. "We maintained our own offensive patterns, even though Alcona was very difficult to predict. They would hit it

over on the first or second hit often.

By staying with our offensive pattern, we had very short points because they didn't handle our attacks very well."

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Senior Heidi Craigie led the team with 13 serves, 43 sets, two spikes, one save, 17 passes and two tips.

Junior Jamie McKinney made 23

serves, one set, ten spikes, 18 passes

and one tip.

Senior Sara Palmer added 12 serves, one set, six spikes, one save, 20 passes, one block and five tips.

Senior Christina Hartwig made two

serves, four sets, eight spikes, two

saves, 13 passes, one block and three

tips.

Senior Heather Millikin contributed

five serves, one set, nine spikes, one

save and 13 passes.

Junior Jenny Fassinger had five serves, six sets, one spike, 13 passes and two tips.

Junior Darcie McCurdy contributed

two serves, two sets, four spikes and eight passes.

Junior Mandee Mcleek kicked in three

serves, three sets, two spikes and seven

passes.

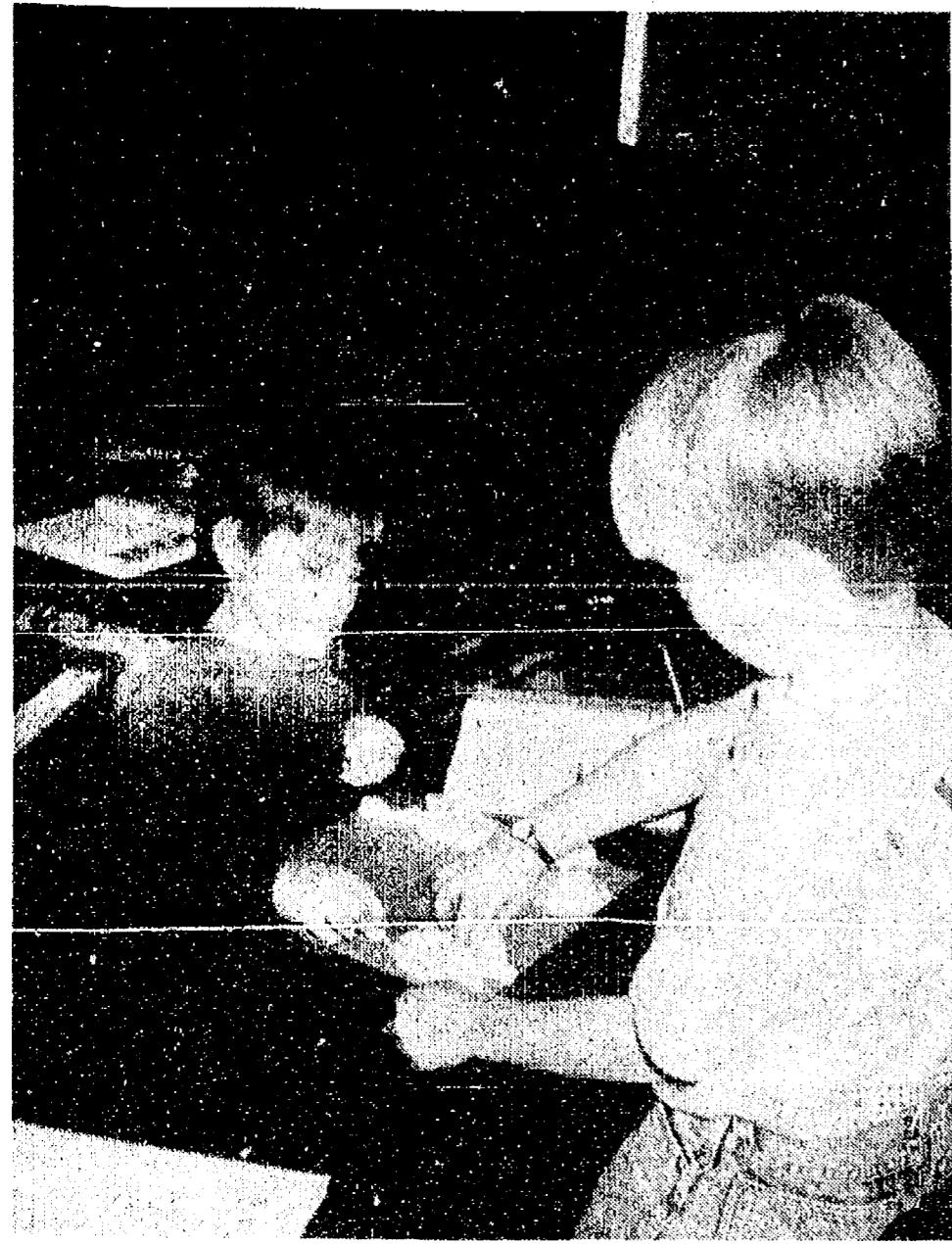
The Vikings go to the district tournament at Gaylord on Saturday, March 6, where they play Kalkaska in the first round.

"We're in a very difficult district and we will have to play our best to advance, but we're capable of advancing," said Brown.

Cheboygan, Gaylord and Petoskey comprise the rest of the teams.

School Page

Grayling Elementary School



BUILDING RELIEF MAPS—Fourth grade students in Mrs. Berglund's class busily work together. Chris Youngblood, Jeremy Tobias, Brandon Cox, Arica Ross Wolcott, Troy Dowland, Ryan Richardson, Jason Sexton, Brian Stewart and Brandon Pfeiffer are molding geographical landforms for their relief map project.

Grayling Elementary School

Amanda Boone

The Snowman I Made

I built a bottom. I built a body. I built a head. I put it together. I put a hat on it.

Eric Hart

Snowmen Are Fun

Snowmen are fun to play with. People like to play with snowmen. Snowmen are fun. You can wreck them and you can make them again.

Marvin Forbes

The Night The Snowman Came To Life

Once upon a time there was a snowman. He was built by a boy and his friends. He was a big snowman. He had a big nose and a big hat. The boys' mom's called for them to eat at 8:30. The boy went to bed at 9:30. At 12:00, the snowman came to life and went into the house and woke up Marvin. They went outside and all the other snowmen came to life too. And they went to a secret world and soon it was morning. The snowman melted from the sun. The end.

Vanessa Curley

The Snowman

A snowman is a man who plays in the snow. He likes snow. He plays and plays and plays. And he is a kid.

Kirkie Meyer

The Snowman Jimmy Built

One day a snowman was built and he was loved. The love was from a little boy named Jimmy. He wanted a brother so bad, but instead he had a sister that was so bossy she makes sure he does all his chores. She made sure he does her chores too. He went to bed at 7:30 because he was so pooped. He went out to bring in the firewood and his sister locked him out. He came in and before he did, he saw the snowman he had built and named it Bob, because he wanted a baby brother named Bob. On Friday, it was so hot poor Bob died and Jimmy buried his water. Crying over it, a magical thing happened. Bob came alive and lived happily ever after.

Elizabeth Hellebuyck

My Snowman

My friend and I made a snowman. It was big and fat. We found a hat. We put it on. HE CAME ALIVE! He was fun. We played and played. Then he got trapped and could not get out. He started to get hot. He was dead.

Raymond MacLeod

The Little Snowman

The snowman came alive and hit the man. The snowman was playing with the kids. They played catch. It is fun. The bell rang and the snowman left.

Katie Haskin

The Snowman And The Two Friends

Once upon a time, there was a snowman. One day the snowman came to life and he started to talk. A little boy and his sister saw him talking. He would have to be loved to talk and he would grant wishes for little kids. No one ever new his name until one day the snowman shouted out his name and it was Leecanda. And the little kids never saw him again.

Monica Hodgins

The Snowman And Lori

There was a snowman with a hat and it was black and he had a scarf. The snowman played all day with his friend and the friend was Lori. Lori is nice to the snowman and they became friends. The snowman played with his friend and they lived nice. The end.

Sasha Latuszek

The Snowgirl Went Away

Once upon a time lived a girl snowman. That snowgirl was so nice, everyday somebody went to school. That snowgirl made sure they went. The snowgirl like 28 people. They were Brandon J., Ben, Jason, Tom and more. Anyway, she stayed at Sasha Latuszek's. But then she left and no other people saw her again.

Ben Yoder

The Nice Snowman

Once upon a time I saw a snowman walking down the street. He was talking to people and in a nice way. The end!

Melissa Ducastel

The Little Snowman And The Magic Hat

Once upon a time, in a far away land, there lived a snowman. He was a jolly old snowman with a big black hat. One day he met some children and he asked them if he could play with them. All the children shouted at once "YES". So they played tag and he was it. They had fun. The next day they took him to the North Pole. He accidentally slid into a hot room and he melted.

Annie Spencer

The Snowman And The One Friend He Had

Do you have a snowman? I like snowmen. I have one snowman. He makes the children laugh. Did you laugh? I did. He was fun. He was gone. He was gone. They were sad. I love him. You love him very much. His name was Johnny.

Curtis Marculewicz

The Broken Snowman

The snowman fell apart. I put him together. He fell apart again. My friends came over. We fixed him again.

Adam Barclay

The Bloody Snowman

One day in winter, there was a boy named Brad. When he went out, he built a snowman. When he was finished, the snowman fell on top of him. He got it off of him and there was blood all over. Then he went inside and got washed up.

Erin Cox

The Snowman

It is snowing, so I am going to make a snowman. It will be fat and soft. Now my snowman is finished. I will go tell my friends. "Now good-bye snowman," I said. "Hello Erin," said the snowman. Erin said, "Who said that and who are you?" "I am your snowman," he said. "I must be dreaming," I said. "No, you are not dreaming," he said. Erin said, "Snowmen can't talk." I am not just any snowman. I am a special snowman," he said. "Can you do magic?" I asked. "Yes I can," he answered. "There is no such thing as a snowman that can do magic," Erin said. "But I can," the snowman answered. "Oh, so you must be one of a kind," she said. Yes. I am cool, pretty cool. Yes, I am cool," he said. "Wow!" and that's the end of the story.

Travis Beaman

Dustin's Snowman

Once Dustin did have a snowman. His big brother Travis helped him make one. They used coal for eyes. They used a rock for its nose. They put clothes on it.

Thomas King

The Snowman

A snowman came to life and stayed alive. He chased a cat up a tree. It snowed that night. It snowed so much, Tom never found his snowman friend again.

Harry Davis

The Death Of The Snowman

The snowman was made. The snowman melted. The snowman fell. The snowman broke. The snowman was kicked.

Brandon Jones

The Snowman Named Johnny

Once upon a time there was a snowman. His name was Johnny. He was the biggest snowman in town. And the boy liked his snowman. The boy's name is Bill. In the morning Bill said, "Someone has killed my snowman." So he made 1,000 snowmen. He was tired. And he told his Mom and Dad and they did not believe him. I wish I was in this story! The end.

Tasheenia Josephs

The Little Snowman And The Snowgirl

Once upon a time, there was a snowman. He lived in a small snow fort. His name is Oscar. He did not have any friends. One day he went for a small walk. He saw a snowgirl crying. He went over to her and asked, "Why are you crying little girl?" The little girl said, "I am lost. I can't find my way home." "Where do you live?" asked the snowman. She said, "I live with my Mom and Dad in a very big snow fort." "I know where that is. I will take you," he said. "Thank you for helping me. My name is Annie. Will you be my friend?" she asked. "Yes. My name is Oscar," he said. "Will you come over and play?" she asked. "Yes," he said. And they lived happily ever after.

Brandon Gorr

The Snowman Who Liked His Nose

Once there was a snowman. He liked his nose. He liked his nose because it was a carrot. He played with it.

Jason Nowlin

My Snowman

Once upon a time, a snowman lived in the snow. He comes out when he wants to. Then he came over to my house at noon. When I went to the door, the snowman wants me to come outside. I said, "Yes, I will come outside." The end.

Visit the scenic Grayling Millpond

Lori Hinkle

Monica And The Snowman

Once upon a time, there was a snowman that was made by a little girl named Monica. Monica was very happy until one day when she wished for an alive snowman. She got up the next morning and what did she see. She saw that her snowman was gone! She was sad. She couldn't make another one because it was almost summer. But she knew that her snowman didn't melt. She looked and looked all morning. She started to think it did melt. She was sad. She started to look some more and then, what did she see? She saw her snowman and they became best friends. And they lived a happy life together. The end.

Ashley Nelson

The Talking Snowman

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Deane. Deane was building a snowman. When Deane was finished making a snowman, she named the snowman Monica. When all of a sudden Deane heard a voice and she did not know where it came from. Then she realized that it was the snowman. Soon they got into a conversation and they became friends. But Deane was worried that Monica would melt. So Deane told her Mom and said, "Mom, I built a snowman and it talked. I named it Monica." Her Mom did not believe her, but Mom said, "Deana." Deane said, "It's true." Her Mom said that Deane would have to show her Monica. So they went outside and Monica said, "Hello." Deane said, "I am worried that Monica will melt." Her Mom said, "Don't worry. I will think of something." Soon it became the end of winter and Monica was melting. Deane told her Mom about Monica and her Mom said, "Monica will come back." So Deane went out to say good-bye to Monica, but it was too late. Monica was already gone. Deane went inside and told her mother about it. Her Mother knew how sad Deane felt, so she told Deane about how Frosty the Snowman came back to life and that made Deane feel better. She went out to play and when she came back in she said all the snow had come back. And Monica is back. Her Mom did not believe her, so she went outside and it was true! "WOW!" said her Mom. Monica was back with a boy snowman and his name was Andrew. They had got married and had baby snowmen and their names were Jill, Jessica, Jenny and Jordan. They were very cute and Deane loved them. When winter left, they did not melt, but they did go to a snowman land. That happened every winter and they all lived happily ever after. The end.

Alexis Sumner

The Boy And His Snowman

Once upon a time there was a boy. He wanted the biggest snowman in the world. One night he made a snowman. The boy loved his snowman. The boy named him Bill. The boy came out. One morning the boy said, "Someone has killed my snowman." So the boy made 1,000 snowmen. That night the boy said to his Mom and Dad, "I made 1,000 snowmen." The boy's Mom and Dad did not believe him. The next morning when the boy came out, all 1,000 were dead. The boy was mad, so he made 1,000,000 snowmen. The next morning they were killed but for the very first one he made—Bill. The end.

Wrestling

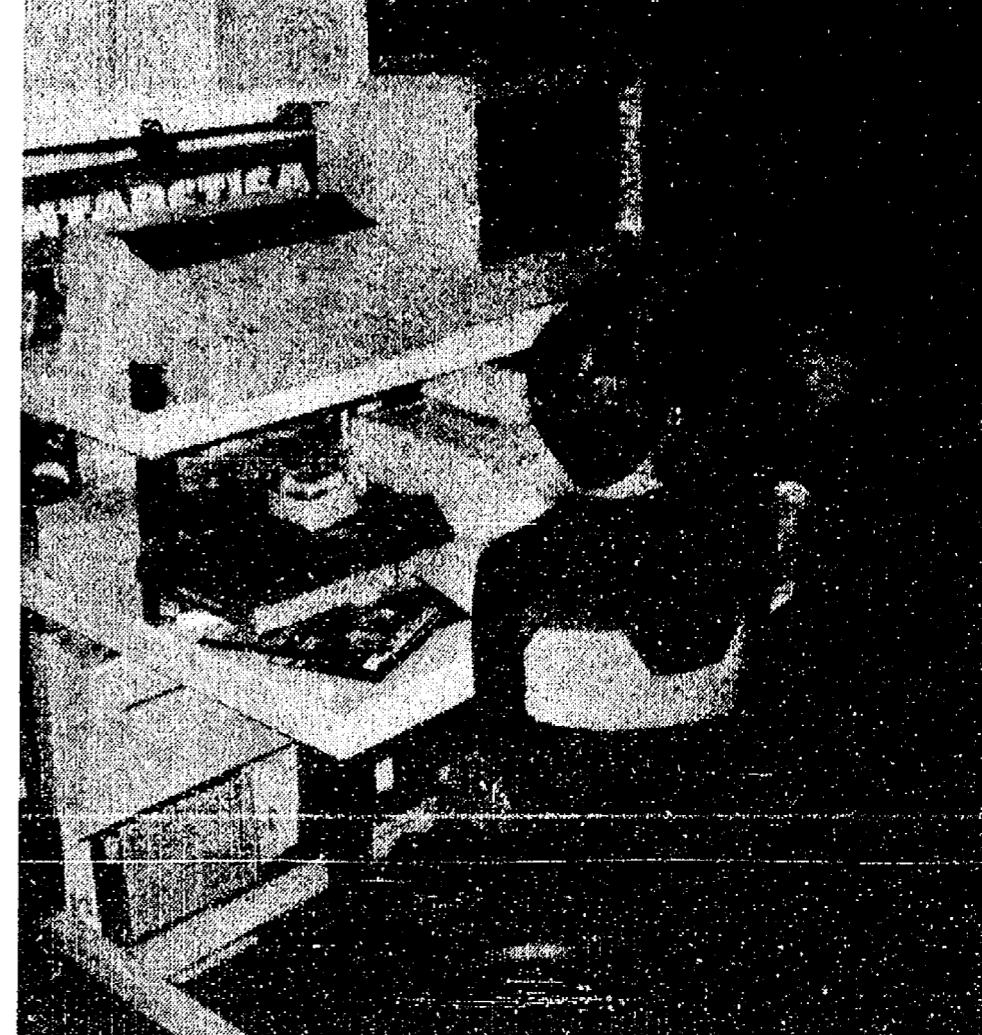


Sam Mack

Junior Sam Mack (145 pounds) took 2nd place in the Individual regional wrestling tournament on Saturday to qualify for the state finals.

"Sam put in an all-out effort and has trained hard to make it," said Coach Don Ferguson.

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COMPUTER HELP—Patrick Tringstad and Becky Molands are working together to solve the challenges of a computer lesson on capitalization and punctuation. Students in 4th grade regularly use the computer in their classroom four days a week and during computer class one half hour each Friday at Frederic Elementary.

GHS enjoys Spirit Week

By Stacy Straw

GHS Publications Class

Grayling High School is now in the middle of its annual Spirit Week, which includes many fun activities and events for the whole school to participate in.

Monday, was "Hat Day," a chance for students to wear their favorite hats to school. Tickets for pizza (to be distributed on Thursday at all lunches) went on sale during lunch.

Tuesday was "Dress-Up Day," when students came to school dressed in their best. There was also a student recognition assembly held in the auditorium. Some of the performances included the school song and National Anthem, performed by the band; a song performed by Melanie Ross, dances by Julie Hinderleider, Miss Grayling, and Christa Northrop, former Miss Grayling; a forensics performance; and recognition of the class advisers.

Wednesday was "Dress-Down Day," and there also is a giveaway of a treat at lunches.

Acknowledgment

The photographs of Grayling junior basketball teams were provided to the Avalanche by local photographer Greg Zigila.

Thursday will be "Pajama Day," when students can wake up, hop out of bed and come right to school dressed as they are. (Appropriate dress should be worn, cautions the Student Council.) Pizza will be distributed at lunch for those who bought tickets.

Friday, the traditional "Green and White Day," will have an assembly in the gym to mark the end of Spirit Week. Events, such as a staff vs. students volleyball game, battles of the sexes basketball game, shoe find and raffle, will be the ending of a fun-filled week.

Indoor soccer registrations still being accepted

The Grayling Recreation Authority is still accepting indoor soccer registrations for children in grades kindergarten through fourth. The first practice was held Saturday, February 27, and the first game will be held Saturday, March 6. Registration forms are available at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 348-9266.

GMS has crazy Spirit Week

Spirit Week at G.M.S.

February 22-26

Thoughts from Spirit Week at G.M.S.

like wearing hats in the classroom.

...Spirit Week is a time to just have some fun and do things we don't normally do.

...It's a time when everything is backwards and things aren't too normal.

...It's a time to build miniature floats (on little red wagons) and play basketball against our parents.

That's what Spirit Week is all about at Grayling Middle School. It happens every year in the month of February.

Spirit Week is sponsored by the Grayling Middle School Media Center and the G.M.S. Student Council. It is a fundraiser for the middle school media center as well as a time to have fun during the cold frosty months of winter.

Vikings of the Week

Basketball



Chris Wolcott

Junior Chris Wolcott scored nine points against Rogers City and four against Whit

Features

Your Horoscope

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: March 7-13

ARIES	A wolf in sheep's clothing should fool no one. Stay on your toes and keep the "sheep" close to home.
Mar. 21-Apr. 19	
TAURUS	In order to become closer to someone, you will need to move further away. Give them room to see the real you.
Apr. 20-May 20	
GEMINI	A controversy at work will not allow you to remain on the fence. State your case and stick to it.
May 21-June 20	
CANCER	You may be suckered in by a lost cause. Devoting too much time to it will be costly, both at home and at work.
June 21-July 22	
LEO	Turn the corner and find a surprise waiting for you. Be prepared to give romance a chance.
July 23-Aug. 22	
VIRGO	To pursue an old flame would be beneath your dignity. Resolve the past and get on with the future.
Aug. 23-Sept. 22	
SCORPIO	Organization is the key. Without it, you will find yourself going in circles. Look for the unexpected.
Oct. 23-Nov. 21	
LIBRA	The time has come to issue an ultimatum. You cannot continue in relationship that is going nowhere. Move on.
Sept. 23-Oct. 22	
SAGITTARIUS	Personal project may have to be put on hold. Family member needs your company. Don't say "no".
Nov. 22-Dec. 21	
CAPRICORN	Mr. Fix-it should go on strike. Hire professional to do the dirty work. You can't be all things to all people.
Dec. 22-Jan. 19	
AQUARIUS	New responsibilities will bring out the best in you. Open your eyes to unusual ideas.
Jan. 20-Feb. 18	
PISCES	Take time for yourself. Go see that special movie or curl up with a good book. Pamper yourself.
Feb. 19-Mar. 20	



FRISKY PUPPIES NEED FRIENDLY HOMES--These frisky nine week old Doberman/Shepherd puppies would like you to come and get them so that they can have a nice loving home. There are two males and one female. Please call the animal shelter today at 348-4117.

Pet Care Tip

All cats and dogs should be examined by a veterinarian one a year, advises the National Humane Education Society. For the older dog or cat, your veterinarian may want to see them more frequently. For example, many dogs suffer from some kidney dysfunction after they reach their middle years, and other organs — such as heart, lungs, eyes and ears — may also begin to show signs of deterioration.

A Look At Our Past from the pages of the Avalanche

23 years ago

March 5, 1970

Jackie McEvers won first place in the annual Declamation Contest held at Grayling High School on Tuesday, February 24, 1970. Her delivery of "Nice People Are Silent" received a unanimous decision from the panel of judges.

Second place honors went to Michelle McDonald with "The Right to Bear Arms." Dianne Duley was third with "A Plea for Understanding."

Crawford County Sheriff Arthur F. Clough reports all drivers license departments will require all original driver license applicants to produce proof of insurance or proof that \$35 uninsured motorist fee has been paid.

Any road test vehicle that does not meet this requirement will not be used for road testing, also all persons who have revoked or suspended license also will have to meet these requirements.

At about 1:30 Tuesday afternoon the fire department was called out to a fire at Fuelgas Company, north on Old 27. Shortly afterward an explosion occurred in one of the buildings, injuring eight persons, according to the Houghton Lake Bobcats at Roscommon.

46 years ago

March 6, 1947

A week ago Bay City postal authorities decried the "chain letter" that had hit that city. It now seems to have moved to Crawford County with a large number of people beginning to receive these missives.

Mrs. Clare Patch and Mrs. Frank Boersma attended the union meeting of the Telephone Company at Alpena, Friday.

Mrs. Mattie Funsch (Aunt Matt) celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday March 4th at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd J. Funsch. Mrs. Funsch says she doesn't feel old, and she certainly doesn't look or act it.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leng of Frederic are spending a couple of weeks in Ashtabula, Ohio, with relatives.

Mrs. Harold MacNeven spent several days in East Lansing last week visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire. Mr. MacNeven met her in Saginaw on Friday and accompanied her home. She called on the Richard Snyder family while in Saginaw.

Mrs. Willard Cornell entertained the Saturday Bridge Club at their last meeting. Mrs. Robert Hayes and Mrs. Leonard Allison were guests for the afternoon. Mrs. Robert Strong held high score and Miss Margrethe Bauman held second high.

Mrs. K. H. Phelps entertained seven young men on Thursday in honor of the tenth birthday of her son, Richard. Comic book favors were at each boy's place at the table, which was centered with a birthday cake. The boys played contests and prizes were won by Jimmy Granger, Tommy Lamm, Tommy Kearney, Jimmy Danenberg and

Jimmy Bishaw.

Charles Corwin is spending a few weeks in Florida with his brother, Nelson and wife, and expects to visit the Chris Hoessels before returning to Grayling. According to his son, Arthur of Saginaw, Mr. Corwin had a nice trip down and said the temperature was about 50 degrees.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport left Sunday to spend a month or so enjoying the Florida sunshine.

Burrows' Market is the proud possessor of a new electric meat saw.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley accompanied by Mrs. Bertha Paul and Miss Pat Skingley spent Sunday in Gaylord with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skingley. Mrs. Paul left Sunday evening for Toledo, where she will spend several weeks.

Leonard Allison is spending today in Ann Arbor on business. Mrs. Allison and the children are spending two weeks in Poland, Ohio, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Raynor.

Charles Moore, George Burke, George Granger and Earl Burns attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and banquet in Clare on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andie Neilson of Beaver Creek, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday, March 4, at Mercy Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. He is a mighty welcome addition to the Neilson family, as they have two little girls.

Mrs. Mary Jorgenson entertained her bridge club Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Eugene Papendick and Mrs. George Granger were guests for the afternoon, and Mrs. Ernest Borchers and Mrs. John Mallingen won prizes.

Henry Jordan spent last week in Maple Forest with his daughter and family, the Chester Lozons. His grandson, Jerry, accompanied him home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph and Billy left Sunday to spend a few days in Eaton Rapids.

Mrs. Caroline Long was eleven years old February 27 and celebrated the occasion with a party on Sunday, March 2. Seventeen young ladies were invited to help her. Bunco was played with the first prize being won by Mary Lou Larke, second by Louella Thompson, and booby by Barbara Mclellan. Lunch was served and finished up with ice cream and birthday cake.

Glad to see Carol Galloway has moved back home. Her sister, Nita and brother, Roger were weekend callers.

On Thursday morning, Feb. 26, the annual Forensic Assembly was held at Grayling High School. Participating in the program were eight of our out-

69 years ago

March 6, 1924

Miss Dora Morency, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morency, was united in marriage to E. M. Churchill last Saturday evening at the parsonage of St. Mary's Church, Rev. Fr. A. O. Bosier performing the ceremony. Mrs. Marion Murphy and Leo Morency, sister and brother of the bride, witnessed the ceremony.

Miss Helen Babbitt is the new clerk at the Gift Shop, taking the place of Mrs. Earl Whipple, who has resigned.

Dudley LaGuire, who has been the agent at the M. & N. E. depot since Miss Ewings departure, left Monday for his home in Suttons Bay. E. C. Hutchinson, relief agent, is filling his place at present.

Mrs. Edward King expects to leave the latter part of the week for Flint to join Mr. King, who has secured a position in that city with the Buick Motor Company. They expect to take up their residence there.

The home of Fred Niederer was slightly damaged by fire at about 2:30 this morning, caused by an overheated stove.

H. A. Clemensen and family have arrived in Grayling and have rented the home of Mrs. Rose Balhoff on Michigan Avenue and taken possession. Mr. Clemensen is district highway engineer.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of T. Klingensmith Monday, the occasion being a farewell party for Earl Klingensmith. A goodly number of young people were present and games and dancing were enjoyed. Prizes for contests were won by Misses Gertrude Trudeau and Astrid Ahman and Messrs. Herman Hanson and Vernon Klingensmith.

The following families are under quarantine for scarlet fever: D. SanCartier, Carl Larson, Arnold Johnson, James Sherman, Thorwald Peterson, William Randolph Harold Rasmussen, Frank May, Mrs. Walter Hanson, Robert Giffin, George Kirkendall, George Clise, Mrs. Archambeau, James Bugby, Kathryn Mallingen and Juanita Secord.

Mrs. George McPeak and children left Thursday for Compton, Calif., to visit her mother, Mrs. Marie Fisher and sister, Mrs. Frank Shanahan and family for several months.

For the pleasure of Miss Betty, who celebrated her birthday, Mrs. Fred Welsh entertained 18 little boys and girls at dinner Wednesday evening.

Miss Beverly Hope Schaible celebrated her birthday yesterday and received a pretty birthday cake that came from Mrs. Wilbur Jarvis of Lansing.

Verse or Worse

By Joe Murphy

Be Prepared

Just suppose this was your last day on earth
That tomorrow the dear Lord would call your name
Would you stand before the throne of judgement
With head high or bowed in shame

For no one knows when they'll be called
It could happen to any of us today
Are you ready to stand the dear Lord's judgement
When was the last time you knelt to pray

Like the Boy Scout motto says, be prepared
For we do not know what lies ahead
We may not be here to see the sun rise tomorrow
By then anyone could be lying stiff and dead

But the dear Lord offers forgiveness of our sins
And eternal life to those who truly believe
Our dear Lord will look deep in our souls
None will his just judgement deceive

So open your heart to the dear Lord's love
Let His presence fill the voids in your life
You will face the future with new confidence
And eliminate a lot of strain and strife

For He will give you strength to bear your load
Bless you when you give a helping hand to a faltering brother
If you will but follow the dear Lord's teaching
Of love and respect for one another

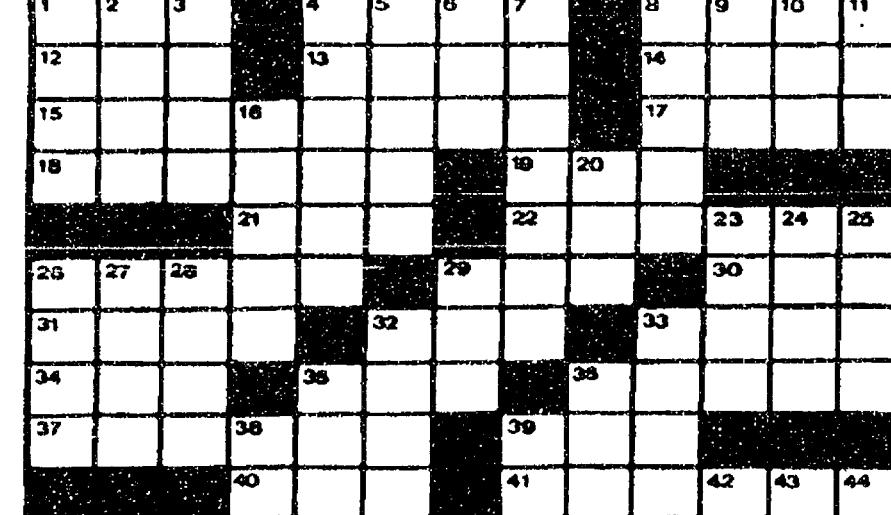
Then you will not have to worry about tomorrow
And peace and contentment will fill your mind
For you can look forward to the joys of heaven
When your time comes to leave this world behind

Weekend Crossword

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWER

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Cranberry bed	1. One and the other
4. Headwear	2. Comply
8. Religious figure	3. AZ river
12. Sash	4. Secret
13. Test type	5. Get up
14. Distinctive air	6. Fathers
15. Broadcast	7. Pullman car
17. Uproar	8. Central, Menlo, and Buena
18. Five daughters of Atlas	9. Yes in Dijon
19. Wapiti	10. Expert
21. Rage	11. Erode
22. Valve	12. Decree
26. Region	20. Before "Stick" or "read"
29. In the know	21. High
30. Vogoda	22. Woodwind
31. Harmed	23. Trick
32. Rocky crag	24. Semite
34. America	25. Jennings specialty
35. crab soup	26. Beat
36. Mr. Carnegie's	27. Miami's county
37. Discuss	28. Semite
39. Fencing dummy	29. Work in the yard
40. TV's Thompson	
41. Prepares	
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The Bible Speaks

Family Death

The Bible tells us there is, "A time to be born, and a time to die..." (Ecc. 3:2). Such death is appointed unto all men. (Heb. 9:27). God lists a normal life at 70 to 80 years. (Psa. 90:10). Our conduct can lengthen or shorten this time. (Pro. 10:27). Therefore, we should pray with Solomon, "So teach [us] to number our days, that we may apply [our] hearts unto wisdom." (Psa. 9:12).

Society is moving toward a new attitude about sickness and death. The Humanist Manifesto II on page 19 promotes, "...an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide." Dr. Jack Kavorkian and others seem determined to make this socially acceptable. Compounded by advances in medical technology, growing health costs, limited finances, proposed universal health care, sex and drug abuse diseases, and growing numbers of elderly, we are facing a major crisis. When health care becomes universal, service must become limited. Struggles will

intensify concerning distribution of those limited resources. The elderly will become the victims in this battle just as the unborn were a generation earlier. Those dangers we publicly foretold 21 years ago are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

Death is not a personal matter of privacy, but a divine choice. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." (Rom. 14:7, 8). To the Christian, death is not something self-imposed, but God directed. "Precious in the sight of the LORD [is] the death of his saints." (Psa. 116:15). Christians gladly concur with God's choice, "We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8). "For to me to live [is] Christ, and to die [is] gain." (Phi. 1:21).

Just as Christ is important in our death, so also are others. As Paul said, "For I am in a strait betwixt two,

From The
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having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh [is] more needful for you." (Phi. 1:23, 24). As long as we are needed by, and can help others, we have an obligation to live.

Many people sense when it is God's time to die. Refusing hospital care, life-support systems, and heroic efforts may some day be the right choice for some of us. Dying at home with family and friends can be beneficial for all. Christians may be wise to record such desires before a health crisis.

Pastor "B"

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Sunday	1 John	4-7-21
Monday	Genesis	8-1-22
Tuesday	Genesis	9-1-17
Wednesday	Genesis	12-1-9
Thursday	Genesis	15-1-21
Friday	Genesis	17-1-27
Saturday	Genesis	18-1-15

Sunday School	10 a.m.
Worship & Praise	11 a.m.
Sun Evening Service	6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer, Bible Study	6 p.m.

Sunday School	10 a.m.
Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
April through October	
2nd Wednesday	8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial	
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Minister Dr. Dennis N. Paulson	
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Church School	9:40-10:40 a.m.
Sunday Worship	8:30 & 11 a.m.
Bible Study (Wed.)	10 a.m.
Children's Choir (Wed.)	3:15 p.m.
Senior Choir (Thurs.)	7 p.m.

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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable in 1st building on the right off Newentrance road.	
Church Service	9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School	10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues.	7 p.m.

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor	
Old 27 North, 701 Grayling Rd.	
Church - 348-8885	
Parsonage 348-2588	
Sunday School	10 a.m.
Morning Worship	11 a.m.
Evening Service	6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night	
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions	7 p.m.

Christian Science Society	
Zone 11, 106 James St. • Houghton Lake	
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School	11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.)	7:30 p.m.

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11 a.m.
Evening Service	6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night	7 p.m.

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Mid-Week Services	7 p.m.
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)	7 p.m.

Reorganized Church	
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Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.	
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Church School	9:45 a.m.
Preaching	11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer	7 p.m.

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Rev. V. Schasp	
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11 a.m.
Evening Service	6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday	10 a.m.
Thursday	8 a.m.
Friday	8 a.m.
Confession Saturday	4 p.m.

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Evening Service	6 p.m.
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Sunday Morning	10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening	7 p.m.

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Evening Worship	6 p.m.
Wednesday Services	7 p.m.

New Life Community Services adds Copeland as substance abuse counselor

New Life Community Service has added Rob Copeland to its counseling staff. He is currently working as a substance abuse counselor.

Copeland recently moved to Crawford County from Connecticut, where he grew up. He is not really a newcomer; his grandfather, Arnold Copeland, began fishing in the area in 1906 and built a cabin on the North Branch in the 1940s. His family has been spending vacations at Flashlite Bend since he was a little boy.

His parents moved here three years ago from Connecticut to retire. "I look forward to living here year round and becoming a fly fishing fanatic."



Rob Copeland

Page 17 -- AVALANCHE -- Thursday, March 4, 1993

Bits Of Talk

Cameron Randall Black was born February 13, 1993, at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine. His mother is Tanya (Black) Sharpe and grandparents are Randy and Kathy Black of Grayling, Frank Sharpe of Higgins Lake, and Bonnie Sharpe of Glendale, Arizona.

Correction

The names of the Grayling junior basketball teams Clippers and Nuggets were inadvertently switched in photographs showing team members last week.

Library has tax forms available for residents

Federal and Michigan state tax forms are now available at the Crawford County Library. A master booklet from each governmental unit is available for viewing and copies can be made for 20 cents each.

The 'Reading together is better... let's read' program, sponsored by McDonald's of Grayling, has been a success with over 130 readers and 45 people participating in the pen pal program.

The 'Together is better... let's

read' program ends Saturday, March 6, and coupons from McDonald's are redeemable until April 1, 1993.

Schanz earns Marquette degree

Tracy Schanz of Grayling was graduated magna cum laude from Marquette University in December. She earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

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SYNOPSIS**Crawford County****Board of Commissioners****Regular Meeting****February 10, 1993**

Meeting was called to order on 2-10-93 at 9:38 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, MI. Commissioners present: Long, Goodale, Coy, McLachlan, Smock, and Matis. County Clerk Elizabeth Wieland, present. There were 12 visitors present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION, COMMISSIONERS:

Accepted the Regular Meeting minutes of 1-27-93 as presented.

Approved payment of General Fund Vouchers in the amount of \$112,805.35, Friend of the Court Vouchers in the amount of \$26,836.87, GFT-GFM Fund Vouchers in the amount of \$26,192.80, Fish Hatchery Fund Vouchers in the amount of \$6.98 Commissioner's Per Diem as follows: Long \$64, Goodale, \$64, Smock, \$64, and Matis, \$64.

Accepted 21 pieces of communications.

Adopted the State Fee Schedule for Electrical inspections in the Building and Zoning Dept.

Approved a one year extension for the GET-GEM program providing the Kellogg Foundation approves same under the terms and conditions outlined in the proposal.

Accepted the proposal of Lange Vending Company to prepare, portion and deliver all meals to the jail for rates quoted effective 3-1-93.

Executed the contract for food service for the County of Crawford — Crawford County Sheriff's Department. Correctional Facility under the terms and conditions as outlined in the 3-1-93 agreement for one year.

Recessed the Regular Meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to conduct a Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to Crawford County's Solid Waste Plan to include Chippewa County.

Adopted a resolution requesting careful and deliberate examination of any proposed change in the DNR structure at locally scheduled public meetings as outlined.

Approved temporary help for one month — twenty hours per week, for Building and

Zoning Dept, under the non-union employment policy.

Named Grayling State Bank, Chemical Bank North, Old Kent Bank of Gaylord and Empire National Banks as depositories for county funds.

Adopted a Depository and Investment Resolution to deposit all public monies in a local depository and invest funds with these institutions or any institution legally permitted by P.A. 20 of 1943 as amended.

Executed the Justice Training Registration for Act 302 Sixty Percent Training Funds with the Office of Contract Management, Dept. of Management and Budget in the amount of \$4,000 as prepared and requested by Sheriff.

Appointed Dr. William McNamara as Medical Examiner for a four year term at \$10,000 per year.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. Full text of official minutes are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Elizabeth Wieland—County Clerk

Grayling Township Board Special Meeting**February 24, 1993**

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Medler, Monica Ashton, Arnold Stancil. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike McNamara, Ruth O'Mara.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Supervisor Stancil.

The purpose of the meeting is to appoint a Board of Review Member to an unexpired two year term.

Motion by Medler/Ashton, carried, to respectfully accept the resignation, due to illness, of Garland "Bud" Joyce from the Grayling Township Board of Review. Ayes, three; nays, none; absent, two.

Motion by Medler/Ashton, carried, to appoint Raymond Jack Trudgeon to fill the unexpired term of Garland Joyce on the Grayling Township Board of Review. Ayes, three; nays, none; absent, two.

Motion by Ashton/Medler, to adjourn. Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C. Grayling Township Clerk

Grayling Township Board**Regular Meeting****February 9, 1993**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael McNamara, John Medler, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Arnold Stancil. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None. **CITIZENS PRESENT:** Kelly Walters, Charlotte Knight, Levon Gilman, Dennis Stocker, Jim Green, Dave Roberts.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stancil.

Motion by McNamara/O'Mara, carried, to approve minutes of January 12, 1993, and January 25, 1993, as presented. All ayes.

Motion by Ashton/Medler, carried, to accept treasurer's report for January 1993, as presented. All ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE: (No Action Required).

Crawford Co. Rd. Comm., 1-27-93 letter rejecting acceptance of Little John; Crawford Co. Emergency Central Dispatch, 12-92 Report; Crawford Co. Bd. of Comm. minutes for: 12-16-92, 12-29-92 & 1-13-93; Grayling City & Twp. Fire Reports: 11-92 & 12-92; C.A. School District Happenings, 1-18-93.

BUSINESS:

Motion by McNamara, seconded by O'Mara, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, (NEMCOG) is the designated Solid Waste Planning Agency for Crawford County; and

WHEREAS, The Northeast Michigan Solid Waste Planning Committee (NEMSWPC) is recognized as the Solid Waste Planning Committee for Crawford County; and

WHEREAS, The attached amendments, proposed by Sensible Alternatives For the Environment (SAFE), were processed in accordance with P.A. 641 and shall amend the 5 Year Update of the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Grayling Township hereby approves the amendments to the 5 year update of the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan.

AYES: FIVE; NAYS: NONE; MOTION CARRIED.

The Amendment to the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan cited above is as follows:

Change Part B, Implementation Section, Item 4, to read:

"Outside counties which may dispose of waste at the City Environmental Services of Northern Michigan Landfill, previously called the Crawford/Osego Landfill, for the five year planning period include: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Cheboygan, Kalkaska, Presque Isle counties, and Bois Blanc Island in Mackinaw

County."

Motion by McNamara/Ashton, carried, to approve the program proposed by the Grayling City-Township Fire Department to purchase a new Class A Pumper and proceed with the plan to convert and restore the remaining fleet of trucks as follows:

A. Convert the E-One Pumper (220) to a pump/tanker.

B. Restore the body of the Ford Pumper (221) to good condition.

C. Strip the Chevrolet Tanker/pumper (232) of all useable equipment and sell or trade it.

The Conversion Plan as presented by the City-Township Fire Department may be reviewed at the Grayling Township Hall during regular office hours.

VOTE: Ayes, five; nays, none.

Discussion of Holiday Pay for part-time secretarial position.

Discussion regarding purchasing chairs for conference room.

Motion by McNamara/O'Mara, carried, to purchase 1/6 page ad in 1993 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon Program Book. Ayes, five; nays, none.

REPORTS: (on file)

A. Grayling Recreation Authority.

Motion by O'Mara/Ashton, carried, to approve bills on vouchers 15019 through 15045, Board and Commission fees of \$502 and Guardian Dental \$258.75, for a total of \$30,775.34. Roll call: ayes, five; nays, none.

Motion to adjourn by McNamara, supported by O'Mara, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, CMC

Grayling Township Clerk

Record of City Council Proceedings**Meeting held on the 8th day of February 1993****Grayling, Michigan**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Stevens, Schreiner, Golnick, Ruddy, Aken. Members absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford, Arnold Stancil, Dava Olivier, five students.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Schreiner that the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 1993, be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None. Communications were received and noted.

January 1993 Finance Report.

Senator Prudnia re: DNR.

Larry Akers re: Cable TV.

Beth Wieland re: Solid Waste Plan

Amendment. Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse.

M.M.L. Legislative Bulletin.

January 1993 Fire Department Report.

Minutes of Crawford County Board Meeting of January 27, 1993.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Agenda for February 10, 1993.

Letter from Robert Snock regarding meeting with Representative Lowe regarding public land in Crawford County. Meeting to be held on Friday, February 12th, 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Old Business.

Appoint Zoning Appeal Board Member.

No action taken at this time.

New Business. None.

Reports of City Manager. Mr. Morford reported on the following.

Attended City Manager Association Meeting in Ypsilanti last week. Meeting was very informative, many issues were discussed which the City Manager shared with Council.

Reports of Council Members.

Mr. Ruddy thanked the City Manager for fixing the street light at the Senior Citizen Complex.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens, that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Jerry Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on or about the 28th day of February, 1992, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 17th day of March, 1993, at 11 a.m. in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

A part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; commencing at the Northwest corner thereof and running South 0°41'30" West on the West line thereof, 775 feet to the point of beginning; thence 87°12' East 590 feet; thence S 87°10' West 590 feet; thence North 0°41'30" East 392.1 feet to the point of beginning

Dated: January 26, 1993

William L. Carey P31602
Attorney for Plaintiffs
4-11-18-25-4-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beaver Creek Township Board will conduct a public hearing at its Regular Board meeting March 8, 1993, at 7:30 pm, for the purpose of hearing comments on the grant application for the Recreational Area.

Irene C. Schultes
Supervisor

NOTICE**CITY OF GRAYLING****BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet the taxpayers on the following dates: Monday, March 8th, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, Tuesday, March 9th, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, Saturday, March 13th, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
INDUSTRIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

Larry D. Hunter
City Assessor

NOTICE**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP****BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 2, 1993, at 11 am at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 1993 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 8, 1993, Tuesday, March 9, 1993, and Wednesday, March 10 from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm at the Township Hall.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
AGRICULTURAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000
INDUSTRIAL	50.00	1.0000

Irene Schultes
Township Supervisor

NOTICE**FREDERIC TOWNSHIP****BOARD OF REVIEW**

Bowling League

Recreation League	Scars	12-8	Deb & Dale's	8-5-3-5
Sears of Grayling	20-12	Budweiser	10-10	Albies
Peterson Saw Service	17.5-14.5	Carlisle Paddles	10-10	Milltown Drywall
Shel-Haven	17.5-14.5	Sutles	10-10	K & D
Mickey Perez	15.5-16.5	Frederic Inn	10-10	Moshiers
Glen's Market	15.5-16.5	Northland Appliance	8-12	Schreibers
Comell Real Estate	14.5-17.5	Georgia Pacific	7-13	
Scheer Motors	14.5-17.5	High Game: B. Burrik, 203, M. Millikin, 202, G. Wolfe, 201. High Series: M. Millikin, 578, G. Wolfe, 557, B. Burrik, 534.		Men's High Game: J. Campbell, 213, B. Trudeau, 192, M. Campbell, 186. Men's High Series: J. Campbell, 568, M. Campbell, 496, B. Trudeau, 489.
Holiday Inn	13-19			Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 187, Y. Schreiber, 166, C. Haranczak, 164. Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 493, Y. Schreiber, 459, C. Campbell, 414.
Pioneer League				
Custom Interiors	24.5-11.5	Drakes	29-7	American First Division
Chemical Bank	21-15	Seawald Industries	22-14	Sylvesters
CCTA	21-15	All Seasons Drywall	20-16	C. F. Fick & Sons
F.O.H. Auxiliary	19.5-16.5	Gray Rock Bombers	18-18	CSI
Avalanche	18-18	Ducy's	17-19	Barber Construction
Millikins	15.5-20.5	R & R Auto Sales	15-21	Grayling Ford
Mercy Hospital	14.5-21.5	Custom Interiors	8-28	K of C
Aunt Betty's	11-25	Men's High Game: R. Adkison, 220, W. Fedewa, 205, M. Harris, 194. Men's High Series: R. Adkison, 557, W. Fedewa, 535, M. Harris, 513.		Riverside Tavern
Poorvalley conditions has prevented any high game or high series.				
Senior Citizen Bowling				
Weaver's	58-38	Women's High Game: S. Hinds, 201, M. Miller, 190, B. LaMotte, 171. Women's High Series: M. Miller, 541, S. Hinds, 517, J. Hinds, 494.		Sunday Afternoon Fun League
Sylvester's	58-38			Legion
Totten's	54-42			Parsons
Larry & Joan's	45-51			Helsel's Forest
McLeans	45-51			Grayling Restaurant
Flowers by Josie	43-53	R & R Auto Sales	66-30	Old Kent
Buccilli's	41-55	Ed's Team	58.5-37.5	Carquest
Comell's	40-56	Wolohan Lumber	55-41	Lovells Hardware
Men's High Game: P. Krolikowski, 214, L. Gunton, 196, B. Burrik, 191. Men's High Series: D. Gennain, 522, P. Krolikowski, 511, H. Ingram, 507.				
Women's High Game: D. Hall, 196, B. VanDeCasteel, J. Miller, 181, D. Burrik, 178. Women's High Series: B. VanDeCasteel, 531, D. Hall, 502, L. Schoen, 475.				
American 2nd Division				
McLean's	24-8	McLeans Ace Hardware	23	Spikes
Glen's	18-14	Doc Deans	20	Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 221, D. Canfield, 201, P. Hetrick, 200. Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 573, P. Hetrick, 543, D. Canfield, 514.
Northland Appliance	18-14	Ben Franklin	17	Women's High Game: S. Romain, 194, D. Helsel, 192, T. Papendick, 182. Women's High Series: D. Helsel, 521, S. Romain, 490, T. Papendick, 485.
Swamp II	18-14	Goodale's Bakery	16	Thursday Coffee League
Hardee's	17-15	Bubbles Belles	14	The Mothers
Upper Lakes	15-17	Subway	14	Pitman Rentals
Skips	13-19	Graceful Grammas	13	Lone Pine
American Legion	12-20	Econo Cuts	11	Ole Dam
High Game: D. Canfield, 255, T. Fletcher, 229, S. Czapek, 201. High Series: D. Canfield, 597, L. Davis Sr., 553, T. Fletcher, 548.				
Friday Night Mixed Doubles				
National 1st Division	AJD		10-2	The Legion
Spikes Keg O' Nails	13-7		9-3	March 10-Chicken/Sloppy Joes;
Aunt Beutys				

PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission will hold two hearings, both scheduled for March 15, 1993, one at 3:30 pm and one at 7:00 pm in the Commissioners room of the Crawford County Building, purpose of the hearing is the County application for Farmers Home Administration Housing preservation grant in the amount of \$150,000.



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



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MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

A budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 1993, at 7:30 pm, at the Township Hall on Sherman Rd. At such time in addition to regular business and in accordance with the law, budgets covering estimated revenues and proposed expenditures of the General Fund, EMS Fund and Liquor Fund shall be submitted for consideration.

Susan Keene
Clerk

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Department of Natural Resources will be taking bids for Contractual Interpretive Services until March 10, 1993. Contractor will provide services for the R. A. MacMullan Conference Center.

To qualify to bid the Contractor must have a bachelor's degree with at least a minor in Park and Recreation Resources, Natural Resources or Biological Science.

For further information and quotation request forms, please contact Jim Scott at the R. A. MacMullan Conference. Phone 517-821-6200.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 1993, at 10:00 am in the County Building located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the application for the Quality of Life Grant through the State of Michigan for the Hanson Hills Recreation Area Proposal.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Board of Commissioners at the above address.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
County Clerk

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is taking proposals/bids on an adequate heating system for the ambulance facility located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and North Down River Road, Grayling, Michigan.

The facility consists of a three bay garage and an office area with living quarters.

Further information can be obtained by calling Rob Schultz, director of the facility at (517) 348-6558 between regular business hours 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Bids/proposals must be submitted to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 by Friday, March 19, 1993.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
County Clerk

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Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

CASE NO. 92-2855-CH

Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, MI, 49738, (517) 348-2841

Northland Area Federal Credit Union,
Formerly Wurtsmith Community Federal Credit Union, A Federal Corporation

PO Box 519, Oscoda, MI 48750

6 Terry R. Ekdahl (P29762)

5 PO Box 122

4 Oscoda, MI 48750

4 (517) 739-2088

3.5 v.

2 Donald F. Meyers

2 5093 Oak Park Drive

1 Alger, MI 48610 AND

1 Surie Meyers

1 5093 Oak Park Drive, Alger, MI 48610

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

On December 21, 1992, the 46th Circuit Court of Crawford County, Michigan, judges in

favor of the plaintiff(s), Northland Area Federal

Credit Union, and against the defendant(s),

Donald F. Meyers and Surie Meyers,

On March 26, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. at public

auction to be held at Crawford County

Courthouse, 209 Michigan Avenue, Grayling,

MI, in this county, I shall offer for sale to

the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest

of defendant(s) in and to the following property:

Situated in the Township of South

Branch, Crawford County, State of

Michigan, described as:

That Part of the East 1/2 of the

Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of

Section II, Town 26 North, Range 1 West,

Lying South of the AuSable River and West

of County Road #158, and

also, the North 75 feet of the East 1/2 of

the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of

Section II, Town 26 North, Range 1 West,

lying East of the AuSable River and West

of County Road #158, Said 75 feet being

measured parallel to the Center of the

County Road #158, which is the address

of McMasters Bridge Road, Grayling,

Michigan, 49738.

January 21, 1993

Elizabeth Wieland, County Clerk

-4-11-18-25-4-11

Commission On Aging

By Jan Farley

A "Sweetheart" of a deal, for the month of February and March! Bring a friend for a meal; bring a friend that hasn't been here in a long time and you both get your meal, that day, at half price.

For a donation of \$1.50 per meal for Seniors and a cost of \$2.50 for those under 60, you can get the best deal in town on a delicious meal. Reservations are needed (348-7123), but if you find yourself in town and want to stop in, please feel free to enjoy our meals at any time; we can always feed you.

Congregate meals are served at 12 noon and five o'clock, Monday through Thursday and at noon on Fridays. Menus are subject to change and are listed as Lunch/Dinner:

March 3-Swiss Steak/Turkey;
March 4-Baked Chicken/Brown Steak;
March 5-Ham Steak;
March 8-Fish/Beef Tips & Noodles;
March 9-Meatloaf/Ham;

March 10-Chicken/Sloppy Joes;
March 11-Goulash/Corned Beef & Cabbage;

March 12-Pot Roast.

Coming Events

Mondays-Roundtable discussion at 12:30, talk about old times, new times, trying times, good times and in general, shoot the breeze!

Crafts every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., bring your own to do or learn something new to do.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

March 5-Frederic Satellite at 11:30 a.m.

March 9-Birthday dinner and Cards following, beginning at 5 p.m.

March 10-COA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

March 11-Blood Pressures taken 11:

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G.U.D.A. DINNER with Bob Bloenk March 11, Chief Shoppenagons, at 6 p.m. For further information call 348-2181 or 348-4006. 4/4

FOR SALE 5
AFRICAN VIOLETS BY DON GEISS Excellent get well gift. Free delivery to Mercy Hospital. \$5 each. Call 348-5657. 4/5

FOR SALE: ONE BED Like new, \$75. Queen-size; one couch, \$30; one couch and matching chair, \$40; one loveseat, \$15. Call 348-2938. 4/11/5

WATERBED: QUEEN-SIZE with pine frame, and headboard, includes mirrors and lights, \$200; pillow-soft queen mattress, excellent condition, \$200; Burton Snoboard, \$225; Rossi 200 skis with Salomon 647 bindings, \$150. Phone 348-7723. 4/11/5

FOR SALE "Twelve Days of Christmas" Pewter bell collection. For more information call 366-8174. 4/9

FOR SALE: OPTONICA STEREO cassette player for component system. Blackface, two motor drive, microprocessor/Solenoid control. Very nice. Paid \$500, sell for \$125. 348-6140. 4/5

APPLIANCES FOR SALE Gas grills, Magic Chef washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers. Grayling Fuelgas, 348-6241. 11/12/92tf/5

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MISC. 7

PREGNANT? CONSIDERED ADOPTION? Happily married couple, unable to have children of their own, would love to share their lives with your newborn. Medical assistance available. Working with licensed adoption agency. Call Cindy and Kevin collect, (313) 525-8921. 4/11-18/4/7

CLEARANCE ON ALL FIBER-GLASS truck caps in stock. (Will be sold at our cost) Call Grayling RV Center at (517) 348-8999. 2/18/92tf/7

TRUCK CAPS, Running boards and truck accessories. Milltown Motors, 348-7352 or 348-5222. 1/14/93tf/7

ATTENTION Interested on how many deer you feed on average per day. Please call 348-9236 between March 3rd and March 10th. Thank you, Stampfly Saw Mill. 4/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Friday fish fry from 4:30 to 9:30 at Spike's Keg O'Nails. 9/17/92tf/8

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562 or Shirley Carpenter, 348-5362 if you are a newcomer, engaged, or a new mother. 12/12tf/8NC

OPDN TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS Call the Golden Touch for your after work appointment today. 348-5212. 10/15/92tf/8

G.U.D.A. DINNER with Bob Bloenk March 11, Chief Shoppenagons, at 6 p.m. For further information call 348-2181 or 348-4006. 4/8

COME HELP US CELEBRATE our 2nd anniversary at Jan's Closet with a 20% off storewide sale starting Saturday, March 6, thru Saturday, March 13. Free cookies and refreshments all week! Uptown Grayling, 348-6734. 4/8

PERSONALS 9

DEAR MONA, BECCA, ANNA, PA-TRICE, Tessa, Lisa, and Korky. When's the next show? Let's not wait! Your Sls, Katrina. 4/9

Happy Birthday Aunt Patty Love, Tabitha & Shira 4/9

PERSONALS 9**"Happy 21st Anniversary"****PERSONALS 9****Happy Birthday Pooh(ter)**
March 7th**GARAGE SALES 10**

MOVING SALE Black/white 19" TV with stand, \$70; Amana microwave, countertop, \$100; 1991 Zenith color TV console, 27", stereo surround sound, with five year parts and labor warranty (was \$1,000) asking \$650; bedroom suite, queen, two dressers, \$195; coffee table, oak, contemporary, \$75; Craftsman tool cabinet, \$75; two metal storage/bookshelves, \$25 and \$35; Black and Decker electric hedge trimmers, \$30; wheelbarrow, \$10. Call 348-9146. 4/11/10

AUTOMOTIVE 11

1989 CHEVY GLADIATOR CON-VERSION VAN 64,000 miles, V-8, fully loaded. Must sell, owner purchased new vehicle. On display at 305 Peninsular Ave., Grayling. Inquire within or call 348-7777. If no answer, call 348-8990. 25-4-11-18/11

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FOR SALE: 1986 S-10 Low mileage, cap and bedliner. 348-8927. 4/11/11

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Garden Tillers Rear-tine Troy-Bilt Tillers, at low, direct from the factory prices. For free catalog with prices, special savings now in effect, and Model Guide, call toll free 1-800-545-3800, Dept. 8.

Help Wanted: Person wanted to provide live-in care for elderly women in Southeast Michigan. Good pay. Days off. Room and board, transportation provided. Experience preferred. Call anytime: Carekeepers, Inc. 1-800-802-1034, leave message or (313)729-4324.

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Lake to Lake group seeks M-72 highway improvements across state

"To get an improved highway system constructed along the M-72 corridor from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron for safe, expeditious travel and economic development," is the stated purpose of the newly formed M-72 Lake to Lake Association.

At an organizational meeting held in Grayling on February 25, representatives from each county served by the current east-west M-72 corridor, presented their position to John Odckirk, manager of the state

highway transportation planning department. Stating the need for a major east-west arterial highway would result from an increase in industry and tourism. "Industries will have easy access to their market areas and safe and scenic highways to and from major destination areas are of utmost importance. In most areas, four-lane highways are less stressful and safer to travel than the existing two-lane roads. An M-72 highway from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron will encourage travelers to enjoy the

beauty of the area and to make more frequent visits to popular tourist attraction and facilities along the entire corridor."

The M-72 Lake to Lake Association is a nonprofit organization of government, business, industry, civic organization and private citizens interested in better roads and travel in northern Michigan. For more information or membership, you may contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Teen Challenge Team featured at local church

The Mid Michigan Teen Challenge Team, and "The More Than Conquerors Singers," will be at the Grayling Assembly of God on Sunday, March 7, at 6 p.m. The executive director, Salvador M. Flores, Jr., will be discussing how young people today at Teen Challenge are being set free from alcohol and drug addictions.

Young people will be giving their personal testimonies on how God has worked in their lives. If you have a loved one or know of someone who might be interested in this program, feel free to come, and see these changed lives, and know more about the program. The church is located on Business Loop I-75 next to Scheer Motors.

Republicans set March meeting

The Crawford County Republican Committee will hold its March meeting at the Iron Gate Restaurant at the Hospitality House Motel at 12 noon, Friday, March 12.

Anyone interested in the Republican party is invited to attend. If you do not normally attend, please call Jeannette Kitchen at 348-4741 to let her know you are coming so the restaurant will know about how many to plan for. The menu will be soup and salad.

Former resident and daughter die in Antrim County automobile accident

Local citizens were shocked to hear of the tragic deaths of Cindi (Carlson) Graham, and her daughter, Katie. Cindi was the daughter, and Katie the granddaughter of Arthur and Merle Carlson of Grayling. The Grahams were the victims of a horrible auto accident on Sunday, February 14, in Antrim County that left husband and father, Bob Graham at Munson Medical Center recovering from serious injuries. A fourth passenger in the Graham car, Katie's friend, Angie Smith of Petoskey, is in stable condition at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. A passenger in the other car, Vickie Lou Milkey of Chelsea, was also killed.

Cindi was a 1974 graduate of Grayling High School. She was the first to participate in a secretarial/vocational program at Mercy Hospital under the tutelage of GHS teacher Bill Kinkert. Her experience in that program led her to later earn the top secretarial position in the school of nursing at North Central Michigan Community College and finally resulted in Cindi becoming a registered nurse. Cindi and her family remained close friends with the Kinkerts and she took pride in calling Bill the most influential person in starting her career.

A few years later Cindi married Bob Graham, who was to become the president of that college, and together they raised daughter, Katie. They were well known throughout the Petoskey area as a very happy couple. Recently, Cindi worked as a part-time nurse at Harbor-Petoskey Family Physicians. She was remembered by friend and former patient, Norva Bathke as, "One of the kindest, caring, compassionate nurses I have ever known."

Katie was a fifth grader at Ottawa Middle School in Petoskey. After the tragic accident, her classmates underwent grief support therapy.

Funeral services for Cindi and Katie were held jointly at the United Methodist Church in Petoskey on Friday, February 19. More than 500 friends and relatives came to pay their respects.

Surviving Cindi and Katie, besides husband and father, Robert Graham, are parents and grandparents, Arthur and Merle Carlson of Grayling and grandmother, Ruth Graham of Traverse City; sister and aunt, Julie Gehman and husband, Dale of Gaylord; sister and aunt, Christine Olson and husband, Tom and their children, Jennifer, Angela, Brad, and Stephen of Lawton; brother, Richard Carlson of Grayling; aunts, Burns and Amber Meech of Grayling, and cousin and sister-of-the-heart, Cory Dean and husband, Bill and their children of Grayling.

Many memorial contributions have been received by the family and by NCMCC in Petoskey. Many books have been given in memorial to libraries in both Petoskey and Grayling. The family is hoping to create a nursing scholarship program at Grayling High School in honor of Cindi.

Katie will forever be remembered by the Katie Graham memorial playground that is planned within the city of Petoskey.

Local contributions may be sent to the Grayling High School Alumni Association at 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

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